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1st Oct.	ORIENTAL	5294		
8th "	CALEDONIA	7558	HIMALAYA	6398
15th "	PERSIA	7951		
22nd "	ARCADIA	6903	INDIA	7911
29th "	ARABIA	7903		
5th Nov.	CALEDONIA	7558	BRITANNIA	6525
12th "	MONGOLIA	9505		
19th "	ARCADIA	6903	OCEANA	6610
26th "	EGYPT	7912		
3rd Dec	CALEDONIA	7558	MACEDONIA	10512
10th "	MARMORA	165 9		
17th "	ARCADIA	6903	CHINA	7912
24th "	PERSIA	7951		
31st, "	CALEDONIA	7558	MOLDAVIA	9700

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CALEDONIEN	4,248	Gregori	3rd Nov. 1904.
DUMBEA	5,807	Charbonnel	1st Dec. 1904.

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IMPERATOR	F. Mosca	4,119	1st Oct. 1904.
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† AUSTRIA	R. Colodani	7,587	8th Nov. 1904
† TRIESTE	D. Mistrorigo	5,095	8th Dec. 1904
*† MARIA VALERIE	P. Berberovich	4,247	22nd Dec. 1904

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Packages exceeding 30 cwts. in weight will be landed on the Quay at the risk and expense of Consignees, unless Boats are sent alongside to take delivery without delay.

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Captain MACFADYEN will attend every morning.

W. & A. GRAHAM & CO.,
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Graham's Buildings, Bombay, 29th Sept. 1904.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA ATHLETIC AND SPORTING MEETING, 1904.

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NOTICE is hereby given that PETER MACKINNON, Merchant in Calcutta and Bombay, and residing at Ronaccan in the County of Argyle, Scotland, DIED on the 12th day of August 1904 when, under the provisions of the Firms contract of Copartnery, his Executors and Representatives ceased to have any Share or Interest in the Copartnery of MACKINNON MACKENZIE and COMPANY, Merchants in Calcutta and Bombay.—Dated Calcutta this twenty-sixth day of September 1904.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & Co.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay up to 1 P.M. on TUESDAY the 11th day of October, 1904, for the work of constructing additional Chawls for the Poorer and Working Classes at the Board's Estate at 1st Naupada.

2. Form of Contract, Specification, etc. may, on payment of Rs. 2, be obtained from the Undersigned, who will, on application, give any further information that may be required.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a Deposit of Rupees One Thousand to be paid to the Engineer of the Board in cash, or public securities, and to be forfeited in case of withdrawal of Tender or of refusal to sign the contract.

4. The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order of the Board,
H. V. R. KEMBALL, C.E.,
Trust Engineer.

Trust Engineer's Office, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, 26th Septr. 1904.

NOTICE.

AT a MEETING of the TRUSTEES of the Port of Karachi held on FRIDAY, the 23rd September, 1904 the undermentioned DEBENTURES were drawn:—

Nos. 26, 29, 59, 97, 282, 355, 370 & 391. The Secretary Standard Life Assurance Company, Limited.
No. 427. Messrs. Eduljee Dinshaw, Framjee Cowarjee Modi and others.
No. 510. Mr. Herbert Humphrey.

and it is hereby notified that the abovenamed holders of the said Bonds will receive payment in full together with interest on or after the 1st October, 1904.

By order,
RAYMOND W. COOPER,
Manager & Secretary,
Karachi Port Trust.

Port Trust Office, Karachi, 23rd September, 1904.

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE OF JHANSI.

PRESENT A. SABONADIERE, ESQ., I. C. S., JUDGE,

Miscellaneous Case No. 15 of 1904.

In the matter of the Estate of the late WILFRED DE CRUZE, Guard, G. I. P. Railway, Agra, who died intestate at Madras, on 9th April, 1901

WHEREAS Mr. HENRY DE CRUZE, of Jhansi, has made an application to this Court for grant of Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased named above, and the 10th day of October, 1904, at Jhansi, has been fixed for hearing the same, this citation is issued calling upon all persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the deceased, to come and see the proceedings in this Court before the grant of Letters of Administration.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 16th day of September, 1904.

A. SABONADIERE,
District Judge.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that DOMINGOS SIMAS CHRYSOLOGO D'LIMA, has contracted TO SELL the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim thereto by way of inheritance, sale, lease, mortgage charge, gift or otherwise howsoever are requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned, at their Office No. 57, Esplanade Road, Fort, within 14 days from this day, otherwise the sale in question will be completed without reference to such claims if there be any, and such claims shall be considered to have been waived.

PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate lying and being at Girgaum Road, without the Fort and within the Island and Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 250 square yards or thereabouts, registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 316 and New No. A-2111, Old Survey No. 581, and New Survey No. 2-7903, and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the East by the Temple of Shri Vithoba and Shiva, on or towards the West formerly by the part of the late Antonio de Ga but now by the house of Mayna Naikeen, on or towards the North formerly by the road of Vithoba Ramji and Ramchandra Manekji but now by a public passage, and on or towards the South partly by the temple of Vithoba Rakhmaya and partly by a public passage, and which said messuage, tenement or dwelling-house was assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal rates and taxes under Old No 220 and now under D, Ward No. 401 and Street No 7.—Dated this 29th day of September, 1904.

EDGELOW, GULABCHAND & WADIA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

TENDERS FOR KEROSINE AND COCOANUT OILS, COTTON WASTE, LEATHER GOODS, INDIGENOUS STORES, LOCKS. FILES, SCREWS, &c.

TENDERS are invited and will be received by the Agent, at his office, near Church Gate Railway Station, Bombay, upto 3 P. M., on 19th October, 1904, for the SUPPLY of STORES required for the Broad and Metre gauge Sections of the Company's system, for the year 1905, commencing from the 1st January next.

2. Forms giving particulars of the approximate quantities required for delivery at Bombay and Ajmere, and conditions on which tenders will be received, may be obtained on application at the Chief Storekeeper's Office, Parel, Bombay, and from the Deputy Storekeeper's Office, Ajmere.

Form No. 1. consists of Miscellaneous Stores, Parel delivery.
Form No. 2, consists of Miscellaneous Stores, Ajmere delivery.
Form No. 3. Kerosine Oil, Parel delivery.
Form No. 4. Kerosine Oil for Ajmere, Parel delivery,
Form No. 5, Waste Cotton, Parel delivery.
Form No. 6. Waste Cotton, Ajmere delivery.
Form No. 7. Cocoanut Oil, Parel delivery.
Form No. 8. Leather Goods, Ajmere delivery,

The whole or any of the above forms can be had on payment of Rs. 2 per each copy.

3. The Agent reserves the right to select one or more items from any tender without reference to the other items on the same tender, and the Tenderer will be required to supply at the rate quoted and sign an agreement for the due fulfilment of the contract.

4. Tenders should be superscribed, "Tenders for Indigenous Stores, etc." and a deposit of Rs. 1,000 (one thousand) must accompany all or any of the eight tenders, without which no tender will be considered.

5. If Government paper and other securities be submitted, they must be endorsed in favor of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company.

6. A further deposit will have to be made by the successful tenderers so as to make the total deposit equal to five per cent. of the total amount of the accepted tenders.

7. All stores to be in accordance with the Company's samples which may be seen at Parel or Ajmere. Sample of cotton waste white No 1 (Reeling waste) should be sent to Chief Storekeeper's office, Parel, properly labelled.

8. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

R. GOODE,
Acting Chief Storekeeper.

Chief Storekeeper's Office, Parel, Bombay, 21st Sept., 1904.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

ACCELERATION OF POONA MAIL TRAIN

ON and from 1st October, 1904, the POONA MAIL will be somewhat accelerated. The Train from BOMBAY will LEAVE at 15-0 instead of at 14-30 and ARRIVE POONA at 18-45 as at present. The UP MAIL TRAIN will leave Poona, at 6-55 as at present but arrive BOMBAY, at 10-40 instead of at 11-5.

2. Certain Passenger Trains between Bombay and Poona will also be ALTERED SLIGHTLY.

3. For detailed Timings see the Poster Notice exhibited at Stations between Bombay and Poona.

4. On and from the same date Wiknoli Station situated between Ghatkopar and Bhandup and Muland Station between Bhandup and Thana will be opened for local passenger Traffic only.

H. C. RADFORD,
for General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, the 29th September, 1904.

NOTICE.

POLO.—PONIES REQUIRING T. P. A. CERTIFICATES must be at the Bombay Stable Co.'s Stables, on SUNDAY, 2nd, at 10 A. M.

D. N. GRAHAM,
Hon. Secretary, Polo.

NOTICE.

ON and AFTER 1st proximo and until further Notice the RETAIL PRICE of ICE SOLD at our respective Factories, will be SIX (6) PIES per Pound.

C. H. B. FORBES & CO.,
Secretaries and Agents.
Bombay Ice Manufacturing Co., Ld,

E. W. THOMPSON,
Manager
For the Proprietors, Boyd's Ice Factory.

CHUBILDAS LULLOOBHOY,
Proprietor, Maharani Ice Factory.

Bombay, 29th September, 1904.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, Baroda State, is PREPARED to RECEIVE TENDERS for the SUPPLY of ELECTRIC MATERIALS required up to the 31st July, 1905. Copies of specification can be had on application.

By order,
GRAHAM R. LYNN., M. Inst., C.E.,
Chief Engineer, Baroda State.

28th September, 1904.

BANKS.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LD.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL...£1,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000
RESERVE FUND.....£500,000

HEAD OFFICE:
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PAID UP CAPITAL	,,	18,000,000
ORDINARY RESERVE FUND	,,	9,520,000
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Calcutta, 20th July, 1904.

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MENESSE AND COMPANY, No. 35, HUMMUM STREET.

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In accordance with Section 55 and 56 of Railway Act IX of 1890, under instructions from the G. I. P. Railway Co. Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will sell by Public Auction THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at 2 p. m. at the Wari Bunder Goods Depot.

A quantity of unclaimed goods, grain sweepings, bags of grain, hurra, bero, cottonseeds, bales of bagging, jaggree, boxes of luggage, bleaching powder, writing and printing papers, tea, cigars, iron screws, sola hats, iron machinery soda bottles, bags of sugar candy, cenamon, turmeric, wheat flour, leather pieces and lead slab, hand barrow chunam, alum, coal, dried dates and chilly, mohaseeds, dry vegetables, gum, ground nuts, cask of vinegar, bale of C. P. goods, bundle of coir ropes, horns, bone hemp, cotton waste picking cotton, iron, bar, round plate, check, iron nuts and bolts, old records and waste papers, umbrella, sheet lashing bales of F. P. cotton, heaps of loose grain, flooring tiles, earthen pipe and other miscellaneous articles.

1 case teed and two boxes luggage, Ottacamund to Bombay, Invoice No 10 of 16—1—04, sender and consignee, A B Storey,

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 30th September, 1904.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY, No. 7, MARINE STREET.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 30th inst., at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No. 52, Custom House Road, second floor, opposite the Custom House, the handsome blackwood and Teakwood household furniture, consisting of sofas, chairs, easy chairs, dinning tables, side board, meatsafe, iron single and double bedsteads, cloth presses, chest of drawers, dressing, wash-hand and writing tables, marble top writing table, handsome clock, table and hanging lamps, pictures, table ornaments, gas lamps and fittings, &c. the property of R. Briscoe, Esq.

The above is now on view.

BONA FIDE SALE.

On SUNDAY, the 2nd proximo, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Grant Road, near the Railway Station, in Mr. Hiramanek's Bungalow, a large collection of artistically carved cuckoo and quail bird clocks, strickiaz and playing, specially made by a well-known Europe watch manufacturer to suit Indian climate for a gentleman while touring in Europe, suitable for drawing-room decoration (which will be sold one at a time to suit all buyers), superior oil paintings by famous German artists, ebonized grand piano by Brinsmead in very good order and rich in tone, one Angelus piano player and organ player with 68 music rollers, mandoline valuable violin by well-known Wolff Brothers, musical boxes, walnutwood paper cabinet, set of 35 volumes Encyclopedia Britannica with case, set of drawing-room sofas and chairs, cabinets, very handsome fast grey Arab horse, 14-3 5 years old, free of bad marks, handsome rubber tyred vis-a-vis in good order, patent leather plated-mounted single harness by Dannett, little used, set of new ivory billiard balls, new billiard cues, pair of open carved blackwood hall sofas and chairs to match, bedsteads, marble clock, China cabinet, bronze candelabra, &c.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

Some of the above clocks have been received first time in Bombay and are worth seeing.

AUCTION SALE OF SUPERIOR SILK, WOOLEN AND COTTON GOODS,

On MONDAY, the 3rd October, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, by order of Messrs. Hajee Sulter and Co., Bombay, and on account and at the risk of Messrs. M. Dawoodbhoy and Co. of same place, who have failed to pay for and take delivery of goods in terms of contracts, the following goods remaining unsold at the last sale:—

Mks.	Nos.	Pcgs.	Pcs.	Contents.	Widths.	Yds
H S 3852 C	754	1 case	9	corld. damask	20 1-2in.	219,1-4
4039	2325	1 tin	14	corld. damask	22	305 1-2
....	....	1 tin	14	corld. damask	22	310 3-8
4105	2310	3 tins	14	corld. damask	20 3-4	801 5-8
4081	2355	2 tins	13	corld. damask	22	305 1-4
4184	74	1 case	15	corld. damask	20 1-2	238 1-8
4051	2317	1 tin	12	white damask	23 1-2	278 1-4
4320	18875	1 case	13	dz. foy. emb. shawl.	48 x 48	42 x 42
					72 x 72	48 x 108
4384	30	1 case	33	cretonnes	47-48 in.	1,210
4385	31	1 case	36	cretonnes	44-46 in.	1,287
4250	418	1 case	14	wool pennis serge	25 in	396 1-2

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY, the 3rd proximo, at 2 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white, and coloured piece-goods and the following:—

Household furniture such as sofas, chairs, easy chairs, writing, dressing and wash-hand tables, glass door book case, typewriter, large size single door iron safe, office tables, chest of drawers, cupboard, glass ware, crockery ware, wooden trunks, iron double bedsteads with wire mattress wire folding cot.

1 upright iron frame piano by Soundy and Co.

AT 2 P. M.

Several ladies' and gents' bicycles by different makers.
1 rubber-tyred light victoria,
1 strong built vis-a-vis,
1 French-polished office shigram,
1 light dog-cart,
1 English rubber tyred dogcart by Joseph Gibson & Co.

On account and at the risk of the concerned—

1 Beeston Humber X frame gent's bicycle.

And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

On SUNDAY, the 9th proximo at 2 p.m, Messrs CRAWFORD, and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Jubilee Bagh, below Tardev Bridge, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, plated ware, crockery and glassware, table ornaments, pictures, table and hanging lamps, carpets, etc., the property of E. W. FERN, Esq.

The property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

CRAWFORD & CO.

Bombay, 30th September, 1904.

BENNETT AND COMPANY, No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED LUGGAGE, PARCELS, &c. at the G. I. P. Railway Lost Luggage Office, Victoria Terminus.

In accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of Railway Act IX of 1890 and under instructions from the G I P Railway Company, Messrs BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the above mentioned place, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at 2 p.m., a quantity of unclaimed luggage and parcels &c., particulars of which may be ascertained from the Undersigned.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Military Square Lane, Fort, opposite Messrs. Sorabjee Cavasjee & Co., Auctioneers, No 17, top floor of the Elisian Restaurant, valuable household furniture, drawing room suites, rich glass and crockery ware, plated ware, dining table and chairs, cabinets, almyrahs, single and double bedsteads, dressing and wash-hand tables, cooking utensils, etc., etc., the property of a gentleman.

Catalogues are ready and the property is on view.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 1st October, 1904, at 1 p.m, Messrs. BENNETT and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Byculla Forasko Road, opposite the Iron Factory, valuable and handsome teak and blackwood household furniture, such as dining table and chairs, dinner wagon, cabinets, table ornaments, glass door almyrahs, one lot new enamelled ware, plated ware and crockery ware, one lot new Christmas cards, single and double bedsteads, few pieces of muslins and loan clothes, one cottage piano by Marks and Co., Singer's sewing machines, law books, baba perambulator, dressing and wash-hand tables, hanging wall and table lamps, pigeon holes cupboard, wall clocks, cooking utensils, &c., &c., the property of JEHANGIR FRAMJI. DAVER, Esq.

The property is now on view.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 1st proximo at 3 p.m. Messrs BENNETT & Co., will sell by Public Auction at their rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc, On account and risk of Noorbhoy Jeewajee—

1 lot 162 lbs Buffin shoulders.

AT 1-30 P. M.

1 handsome strong glass fronted miniature brougham, in very good order.
1 handsome strong palanquin office shigram in very good order.
1 handsome strong victoria, in very good order.
1 Bay Arab, quiet in harness and saddle.
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1 Bay waler gelding 16 hands, 10 years, first class horse in harness and saddle. Being sold for no fault.
Lady's and Gentlemen's sad dles and Sets of harness.
1 handsome strong bay waler charger, goes well in harness and saddle.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE CARRIAGES.

Under instructions from the Executors of the late Seth Jaik sandas Gangadas Messrs BENNETT & Co. will on SUNDAY the 9th October, at 4 p.m. sell by Public Auction at Mr D N Vaki's Sables Gowalia Tank.

1 handsome strong English-built Victoria, on C. spring by 'Windover,' with rubber tyred bicycle wheels in very good order.
1 handsome strong English-built mail phaeton, by 'Fulker' with rubber tyred bicycle wheels in very good order.
1 handsome strong English-built landau on C spring by Kesterton of long acre, suitable for pair, in very good order.
1 handsome strong four-wheeled dog-cart, by Press & Co., in good order.
1 handsome strong pony cart, with hood, in good order.
1 handsome strong buggy, on C spring by Press & Co with rubber tyred bicycle wheels, in very good order.
The property of another gentleman.
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THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....	£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....	£1,125,000
PAID UP CAPITAL.....	£562,500
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....	£562,500

HEAD OFFICE:

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LONDON, SEPT. 22.

SECURITIES—
2 1-2 per cent. Consols ..... 88 3-8 = + 3-16
3 do. Rentes ..... 97 3-4 = unchanged
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan ..... 104 3-4 = do
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper ..... 85 11-16 = — 3-16

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2 months hence ..... 26 9-16 = — 1-8
Spot in New York ..... 58 = — 1-8

EXCHANGES—
Paris cheques ..... 25·18 = unchanged
Berlin ..... 20·40 1-4 = — 1-4
New York Demand ..... 4·85 3-4 = unchanged

DISCOUNTS—
Bank of England ..... 3 per cent = do
6 months' eight Bank Bills ..... 2 3-8 per cent = do
3 " " " ..... 2 7-8 per cent = do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills ..... 2 3-4 per cent = do
6 months' eight Fine Trade Bills ..... 3 1-4 per cent = do

INTEREST—
Day to day loans ..... 2 3-4 per cent = + 1-2
7 day marked loans ..... 2 3-8 per cent = unchanged

Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £75,000 for France.

At the Periodical biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 40,60,000

Rs. 19'60	were allotted to	Calcutta
Rs. 13'40	do	Bombay
Rs. 2'20	do	Madras

Rs. 35'80 At 1s. 4d.
Minimum rate received 14 per cent. Average rate 16'00.
Telegraphic Transfers—

Rs. 4'20	were allotted to	Calcutta,
Rs. nil	do	Bombay
Rs. nil	do	Madras

At 1s. 4 1-32d.
Minimum rate received 14 per cent. Average rate 16'03
Total amount sold during the week Rs. 40,10,000
Amount to be allotted next week Rs. 50,00,000
Extra allotments—nil

RUBBER—
Para Rubber 4 8 1-2 buyers.

WHEAT—
Red Karachi 30 1-4 O.-N- sellers quieter

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 36 7-8 S. O., done easier

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 8 1-2

TALLOW.

Finest Australian Beef	26-9
Finest Australian Mutton	29-6

Tone of auction firm.

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed quiet Surats quiet. Manchester steady. Total sales 5,000. Spot 6·04—20. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 7 13-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 300. Imports 11,000. Arrivals closed steady.

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.
5·68	5·61	5·59
—7	—5	—5
Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
5·58	5·57	5·57
—4	—4	—4
Mar.-April	April-May.	May-June.
5·58	5·58	5·58
—4	—4	—4

Receipts at U S Ports 72,000
Do. last year 50,000
Exports to Great Britain 30,000
Do. Continent 3,000

In New York—
Spot ..... 10·80 — 10
Futures, month of December ..... 10·44 unchanged
Do. do. March ..... 10·53

In New Orleans—
Spot 10 3-8
Futures, month of Dec. ..... 10·31 + 6
Do. do. March ..... 10·69 + 5
Tone at close ..... steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Wednesday, 28th September, 1904 :—

Cotton	471 bales,
Wheat	34,684 cwts.
Linseed	5,343 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	1,614 "
Gingelly seed	937 "
Poppyseed	255 "
Groundnuts	309 "
Castorseed	4,599 "
Rice	18,872 "
Myrtabolams	35 "
Cottonseed	3,050 "
Mowrahseed	947 "
Gram	1,120 "
Jowar	1,482 "
Maize	nil

BOMBAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Exchange—Tone steady.

Bank T.T. ..... Is 3 31-32 to 1-4
Bank Demand ..... 1s-4d.
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A. 1s. 4 5-32d.
Do 6 do do 1s. 4 5-16d
French Francs 3 do do ..... 170 to 169 3-4
Marks 3 do do 138
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight 136
Shanghai 30 do do 190
Japan 30 do do 148 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—2 1-2 per cent. Tone steady

Cash		98-7
1st Settlement	30th September	98·7
2nd do	31st October	98·3

Money Market,—Tone easy.

BANK RATE,—

Bank of England since 21st April 3 per cent.			
Bank of Bombay	do	16th June 3	do
Bank of Bengal	do	23rd June 3	do
Bank of Madras	do	6th July 4	do

SEEDS—

	Rs.	a.	p.			
Linseed.—Tone quiet.						
Ready	6	4	0	to	6	2 0
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.						
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5	2	0	to	5	1 0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready.	5	11	0			
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.						
Ready	5	13	0	to	5	12 6
Castorseed—Tone steady.						
Ready	25	0	0	to	26	0 0

WHEAT.—Tone steady

Pissi 91 per cent.	Rs. 29 1-2
Club, No. 1	Rs. 30

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone—	quiet.
Estimated sales ..... bales	4,000
Imports ..... do	1,000

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.
5·59	5·61	5·61
+1	+2	+2
Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb	Feb.-Mch.
5·60	5·59	5·60
+2	+3	+3
Mch-April.	April-May.	May-June
5·61	5·61	5·61
+3	+3	+3

COTTON.—The market is quiet but steady with prices about Re 1 higher than yesterday's closing rates, and a limited business passing.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, SEPT. 28.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closes	quiet
Surats	steady
Good Bhownuggur	....
The Manchester Market has been	steady
2 1-2 per cent Consols	88 3-8
2½ per cent Rentes	97 3-4
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	104¾-4
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	85 11-16
Bar Silver	26 13-16

The sum of about £75,000 for France has been withdrawn from the Bank of England.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards,	Plague Attack.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	1	5
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	4	2	26a
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada ...	3	3	12
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	0	0	3
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla, and 1st Nagpada ...	3	2	32a&b
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	0	9
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	9
Water Division	0	0	1
Non-Resident and Unknown ...	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	4	16
Total	10	12	113
Total plague deaths to date ...	276,979	228,984	
Same date last year	12	10	90

a 5 Remd. to Maratha Hospital
b 1 Remd. to St. George's Hospital.

CHOLERA.

Attacks.	Deaths.
2	1

BEAUTY AND HYGIENE.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line, CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

HUSSAM—September 24, at Madras the wife of J P Hussam of a daughter.

KNOX—September 26, at the Residency, Bushire, the wife of Captain S G Knox, I A, Political Agent, Koweit of a son.

KNOWLES—September 21, at 16-1 Royd Street, Calcutta, the wife of George Knowles, of a daughter.

MUNRO—September 25, at 3-1-3 London Street, Calcutta, the wife of J N C Munro, of a son.

SIRDAR KIBE SAHEB—September 14, at Burhanpur, Shrimant Soubhagyavati Kamalabaisaheb Kibe, the wife of Sirdar Madhavrao Sinayakrao Kibe Saheb, M A, of Indore Residency, of a son.

DEATH.

HAMILTON—September 24, at Simla, Campbell Hamilton Supdt Rampur State Police, aged 54 years.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 50m. Sun sets, 5h. 50m. High water, 1-59m. 1-54a. Low water, 7-43m., 7-57a.
P. and O. s. s. Persia, with English mails of 16th instant, due to arrive at 7 a.m.
Municipal Standing Committee.
Bombay Improvement Trust Sports, Marine Lines Maidan, 3-30 p. m.
Bombay Gymkhana Football Tournament.

REPORTED THEFT OF GOLD WATCH AND CHAIN.—Abdool Kadar Mulla Alibhoy, who resides at Khokha Bazaar, has reported to the police the theft of a gold watch and chain and some gold coins of the collective value of Rs. 258 from his uncle's godown in Pathanwady on Tuesday. It appears that the complainant went to the godown, took off his coat, which contained the articles and went outside to fly a kite. When he returned some time after, he found the coat minus the gold articles.

ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF COCAINE.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday morning before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Govindrao Lodha was charged with being illegally in possession of cocaine. Mr. Balubhai T. Desai defended the accused. It appeared that the accused was found in possession of fourteen grains of cocaine, while legally he could have possessed not more than six grains. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge, his defence being that he got the packet of cocaine from another man and pocketed it, not knowing how much it weighed, and when the police arrested him the packet of cocaine was found on him. The Magistrate fined the accused Rs. 20.

THE STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD.—On Sunday at 8-15 a.m. in the Prarthana Mandir Girgaon, Prof. N. G. Velinker B. A., LL.B, will deliver a public lecture on "The Rule of Custom." Mr M. K. Patel will conduct the junior class of the Brotherhood in the Bhuleshwar School above Bhuleswar Market the same day and hour. The Hon'ble Mr justice N G Chandavarker has offered a prize of Rs 25 to the member of the Brotherhood who will explain 'What he has learnt from Tennyson." If a lady member comes forth an additinal prize of a valuable book will be given. The examination will take place in the 2nd week of November. Mr R P Talati, Principal Elphinstone College, and Mr K.P Cama have been appointed examiners by Mr Chandavarker.

FATAL STREET ACCIDENT.—At the J. J. Hospital, yesterday, Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, conducted an inquest relative to the death of a Mohamedan woman, name unknown, aged about fifty years. The evidence showed that the deceased used to maintain herself by begging about the streets. On Wednesday evening while attempting to cross Bhindy Bazaar Road, from west to east near Nawab's mosque, she was knocked down by a horse attached to a victoria and one of the wheels of the carriage passed over her body. She was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital, where she died shortly after admission, the cause of death being fracture of the ribs. At the time of the accident the carriage was being driven at a moderate pace and on the proper side of the road, but as the deceased stepped right in front of the horse, the driver could not avert the accident. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

AN ABUSIVE GARRIVALLA.—Yesterday at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. Kersondas Chabildass, third Presidency Magistrate, Mrs. A. K. Morrison, residing at Colaba charged Walli Rajay, a hackney victoria-driver, with using abusive and insulting language. From the complainant's story it appeared that on the 19th instant, at about 4 p. m., she got into accused's victoria at Colaba and told him to drive to Sitaram Buildings. On arriving there she offered the garrivalla twelve annas, which he first took and then threw the amount on the ground in an indignant way making use of foul language. A lady named Mrs. K. Spate was then in her company. The victoria-driver left the ladies and drove away saying he would report the matter to the police. The accused was then drunk. The next day, the accused went to the complainant and asked for his hire of the previous day, which was refused. Thy evidence of Mrs. K. Spate having been led, the Magistrate convicted the accused and fined him Rs. 10 and ordered Rs. 5 to be paid out of the fine to the complainant as compensation for expenses.

CONCERT AND THEATRICALS.—A well organised concert and theatrical were given at the Bombay Education Society's School, at Byculla, last night in aid of the organ fund of the Christ Church, Byculla. The entertainment was largely attended. The first part of the programme consisted of pianoforte solo, flute solo, songs and comic songs, to which the following ladies and gentlemen contributed :—Mrs. A. Rhenius, Miss. Hammett, Miss. Chandler, Miss. Ablett, and Rev. W. Kennelly, Mr. Fischer, Mr. F. J. Clark, Mr. N. Hammett and Mr. A. Rhenuis. After the usual interval of ten minutes, a piece entitled "Perfection" or the Lady of Munster was presented in which the following ladies and gentlemen took part and well sustained their characters :—Mr. N. Hammett (Sir Lawrence Paragon); Mr. E. R. Fischer (Charles Paragon; Mr. F. E Mews (Sam—valet to Charles); Mr W. A. Couldrey (John—footman to Miss. O'Brien) t Miss Hammett (Kate O'Brien ward of Sir Lawrence, and Miss. N Lund (Susan-Lady's maid to Miss O'Brien) The piano was kindly lent by Messrs Soundy and Co.

OLD OFFENDERS.—At the Mazagaon Police Court, yesterday Mr. J. W. S. Dracup disposed of a case in which Superintendent Flanagan charged Gangaram Bhicoo, a Hindu, and Abdulla Mahomed, a Mohamedan, both old offenders, with criminal misappropriation of a currency note for Rs. 5 belonging to one Sadanund Narayan, a compositor, residing at Worlee. The evidence showed that on the morning of the 5th instant, the complainant accompanied by his cousin Anant, was going along Haines Road, when he saw the two accused seated by the road side, with a box containing a number of fancy articles, which they offered for sale at the rate of one anna for each. The complainant went up to the accused and selected a purse, the price of which the first accused said was one anna. The complainant thereupon gave the first accused a currency note for Rs. 5 and asked for the change. The accused would not, however, give the change and pressed the complainant to take for the balance two small trays, a folding mirror and two brass rings. The complainant refused to take the things and insisted upon the return of his note. The second accused thereupon gave the complainant a kick and a blow. The complainant began to cry, when the two accused decamped. The complainant shouted for the police and a policeman chased and arrested the first accused at a short distance. The second accused subsequently went to the police station to see how the matters stood, when he was identified by the complainant as the man who had kicked him and was arrested. Both the accused denied the charge, but admitted previous convictions. They were convicted and No. 1 was sentenced to two years and No. 2 to one year's regorous imprisonment.

THE CHARTERED BANK.

THE Bombay Agent of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, has received a telegram from the London Office intimating that the Directors have declared an interim dividend for the past half-year at the rate of 11 per cent. per annum free of income tax.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS. For the cure of debility, also liver and stomach complaints this unappreciable medicine is so well known in every part of the world, and the cures performed by its use are so wonderful, that it now stands pre-eminent above all other remedies, more particularly for the cure of bilious and liver complaints, disorders of the stomach, dropsy, and debilitated constitution. The beneficial effects of the Pills are so lasting that the whole system is renewed, the organs of digestion strengthened, and a free respiration promoted. They expel from the secretive organs, the morbid matter which produces inflammation, pain, fever, debility, and physical decay, thus annihilating, by their purifying properties, the virulence of the most painful and devastating diseases.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

An adjourned meeting of the Bombay Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall, Mr. James Macdonald presiding

MUNICIPAL LABORATORY.

The Corporation considered the report of their Committee regarding the continuance of the provisional arrangements for work to be done in the Municipal Laboratory for private medical practitioners.

The Committee in their report stated that after carefully considering the matter in consultation with the Health Officer they were of opinion that the arrangements sanctioned by the Corporation in their resolution of the 24th September 1903, had not had a sufficiently long trial and that one of the reasons why the facility afforded by the Corporation to the public had not been sufficiently availed of, possibly, was that it was not generally known that such facility existed. The Committee, concurring with the Health Officer, therefore, recommended that the existing arrangements might be allowed to continue for a year, the Commissioner being asked to notify by circular to medical practitioners, or in such other way as he deemed suitable, that the Municipal Analyst would do bacteriological and analytical work for the outside public on payment of the fees fixed by the Corporation.

Dr. Sukhia in his minute of dissent stated that in the interest of public health and for the good of the city in general and in order to well enforce the provisions of sections 421 and 423 of the Municipal Act, every facility should be given to all qualified medical practitioners just as it was given to the Municipal officers and that therefore very small or no fees should be charged for samples submitted to the Municipal Analyst by qualified medical men. Unless that was done, he (Dr. Sukhia) submitted the object of preventing spread of dangerous diseases would be entirely frustrated.

Dr. K. E. Dadachanji proposed that the report be approved and adopted and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the Commissioner for information and guidance.

The Hon. Sir Phirozeshah M Mehta in the course of his remarks said considerable indifference seemed to exist amongst the medical gentlemen. They were not imbued with the spirit of throughness and zest which was necessary in the performance of the work relating to their profession. Of course those medical gentlemen who had visited England and seen practical work done in hospital and dispensaries there, were generally more practical and had attained greater distinction than those who practised in this country.

The proposition, after some further discussion was carried.

MUNICIPAL AUDITORS.

Consideration was given to an ad interim report of the committee appointed by the Corporation, regarding the grant of leave to the Municipal auditors and the payment of extra remuneration to an auditor, when he had to work without the assistance of a colleague. The committee in their report stated :—It will be remembered that the question of granting leave to the auditors arose when Mr. A Thomson after he had been Auditor for seven years applied to the Corporation for three months' leave. The Municipal Solicitors having been consulted gave opinion that it was not competent to the Corporation to grant leave of absence to a Municipal Auditor, the powers of the Corporation being limited to appointing the Auditors for each official year. The Committee, while admitting the soundness of this legal view of the matter, are nevertheless of opinion that some provision should exist for giving in case of need a short relaxation to these officers, who, even though they are appointed from year to year and are not full time officers, not unfrequently hold their appointments for several years and perform duties of a hard and incessant character. In Government service leave to officers holding temporary appointments or appointments to which they have not to devote the whole of their time is usually given on the condition that no additional expense is caused by the grant of such leave, the Committee think that on the same condition a month's leave in a year may be granted to the Municipal Auditors such leave not being allowed to accumulate in any case, so that not more than one month's leave can be admissible in any year. To admit of leave being thus granted it will be necessary to get the Municipal Act amended, and the Committee recommend that the Corporation will in sending up other amendments of the Municipal Act to Government, send up an amendment to this effect also. As to the grant of allowances to an Auditor when he works single-handed, the place of the second Auditor being vacant, the Corporation has so far paid to the single Auditor the full allowances of the two Auditors. It has, however, been felt that such payment was too liberal for the extra work falling on the single Auditor and hence the reference to this Committee. A statement of the duties performed by the Municipal Auditors is given in a report No 1712, dated the 22nd July 1895, made to the Commissioner by the Chief Accountant (printed at pages 171 and 172 of Record, Vol. XX, Pt. II). From a consideration of this report it seems to the Committee that if the place of one Auditor is vacant the duties falling on the other Auditor are not quite double of what they otherwise would have been, and following the analogy of Article 108 of the Civil Service Regulations, the Committee recommend that the allowance to be paid to the remaining Auditor in addition to his own allowance should be half of what would have been payable to the other Auditor.

The Hon. Mr. Vithaldas D. Thackersey moved that the report be approved and adopted and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the Commissioner with a request to prepare and submit to the Corporation the draft amendments of the Municipal Act to give effect to the recommendations made by the Committee in their report. He said the question of granting leave to the Municipal Auditors was raised at the Corporation when Mr. Thomson asked for three months leave. The Municipal solicitors advised that the Corporation had no power, under the present Municipal Act to grant leave to their auditors. The question again came before them when double allowance was asked to be paid to the surviving auditor on the death of Mr. Dinanath. The committee after considering all the points came to the conclusion that, though the appointments of the auditors was made from year to year, the appointment was practically a permanent one. It was but therefore right that the auditors should get one month's leave in twelve months to re-coup their health.

The resolution was carried.

THE RECENT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTION.

In accordance with a notice of motion Mr. Hormusjee S. Vakil moved :—"That the Commissioner be requested to report, (1) whether in connection with the recent prosecution against Dr. N E Sukhia, three Counsel were specially retained on behalf of the Corporation with the consent or knowledge of the Commissioner, (2) whether any one or more of these Counsel was or were briefed at the hearing, and which Counsel actually attended and argued the case for the Corporation when the matter came on before the Appeal Court. The Commissioner will also please procure and place before the Corporation the bill of costs in connection with this prosecution." He said they were all aware that recently there was a Police Court prosecution against Dr Sukhia with reference to the drains of his house. The main questions before the Magistrate was whether the opinion expressed by the Municipal Commissioner without personally examining the drains should be considered prima facie binding upon the parties or it should be taken as absolutely binding upon the parties. The Magistrate held that the Commissioner's opinions was absolutely binding on the parties and fined Dr. Sukhia Rs. 25. Against this order Dr. Sukhia appealed to the High Court. It appeared that before the appeal came up, three senior members of the Bar had been specially retained on behalf of the Municipal Corporation, namely Messrs Inverarity, Scott and Lowndes, leaving the defendant the services of the junior members of the Bar. It was not known whether the Commissioner had ever considered that in a petty case like that three senior counsel were at all necessary for the prosecution, because in a criminal appeal only one counsel was sufficient. However, it was strange that not one of those three counsel cared to appear when the appeal was argued. A junior member of the Bar conducted the case. This clearly showed that it was not absolutely necessary to retain three senior members of the Bar, No member of the solicitors even appeared, the counsel being assisted by a clerk and the result of the appeal was against the Municipality. They did not know what the cost of the appeal must have been. He thought it must have gone up to four figures.

Dr. Sukhia seconded the proposition.

The Municipal Commissioner said it had been the practice of the Municipality to have always two senior counsel specially retained, because in case the Advocate-General was engaged on behalf of Government, the municipality would have the services of the other retainer. Referring to the cost of the prosecutions, Mr. Harvey said, it was not so heavy as Mr Hormusji thought it to have been. It came to be about Rs. 500 only.

The resolution on being put to the vote was lost; the proposer and seconder only votting in its favour

THE BOMBAY ROADS.

Dr Viegas moved that the Commissioner be requested to give in the annual administration reports information regarding the dimensions of the roads dug up and the dates of last repairs etc, in respect of the work of road repairs undertaken by the Municipality and the work of road excavations whether undertaken by the Municipality or by others during each month of the year.

Dr Jehangir J Cursetjee seconded the proposition.

The Municipal Commissioner pointed out that it would be absolutely impracticable and ridiculous to embody the whole of the required information which would run into tens of thousands of instances and which would require a separate publication the bulk of which might well be imagined.

After some futher discussion the proposition was withdrawn,

VACANT HOUSE ACCOMMODATION.

The Hon Mr Ibrahim Rahimtula moved that the Commissioner be requested to inform the Corporation whether he could form an approximate idea of the vacant house accommodation in the different wards of the city from the amount of taxes refunded and drawbacks paid; and, if so to make a report on the subject indicating the extent of such vacant accommodation in each ward.

The Municipal Commissioner having pointed out the impossibility of estimating vacant accommodation in the city, the proposition was with the permission of the Corporation withdrawn.

ADJUSTMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim moved (1) whether any adjustment of property taxes under section 73 of City of Bombay Improvement Act has taken place, (2) If so, what has been the basis of such adjustment? (3) Whether it is proposed to take, as the basis of such adjustment, the rateable value of buildings and lands comprised in a scheme shown in the Assessment Book on the date of notification under section 27 and 32, or the actual rent accepted by the Special Collectors or the Tribunal for such buildings and land.

The Municipal Commissioner said no adjustment had been made. It was very difficult to work out the details. Whether the Corporation could go to Government exactly on the lines laid down by the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim, he could not say.

The Hon Mr Ibrahim withdrew his motion stating that he would bring it forward in another form next month asking the Corporation to make a representation to Government on the lines already indicated by him.

PRESIDENT'S ELECTION.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim moved that the Municipal Commissioner be requested to obtain the joint opinion of counsel on the following point, viz :—Whether having regard to the provision of the Municipal Act, the President of the Corporation is disqualified or debarred from being elected, at a meeting over which he presides, to any office carrying emolument or dignity.

Dr. Sukhia was against referring the point for counsel's opinion. It would be a waste of public money to do so.

Mr. Hormusjee Vakil, said the Corporation had already obtained the opinion of the Advocate-General on the matter, and it was no use referring the point again for the opinion of two counsel, who were junior to the Advocate-General by several years.

Dr. Dadachanji was also against wasting the money of the Corporation.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim in replying on the debate said if the opinion of the Advocate-General was conclusive, the President could not be appointed a member of any committee. The point should be settled once for all.

The proposition was carried by a majority.

The Corporation then adjourned.

A TRADE CUSTOM IN BOMBAY.

JUDGMENT OF THE APPEAL COURT.

SIR LAWRENCE JENKINS, Chief Justice, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Batty have, at the Bombay High Court, disposed of an appeal, from a judgment of Mr. Justice Russell, filed by Mr. Paul Beier and Mr. Fritz Jackli, in a suit which they had brought against Chotalal Javirdas in respect of certain indents for velvet. A report of the case has already been published in these columns.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins, in the course of his judgment remarked, it was unnecessary to discuss the evidence of each one of the witnesses for the plaintiffs in detail; it would suffice to examine the evidence of the first of them, Mr. Abercrombie, who was fairly typical of the majority who followed. He represented Messrs. Latham Abercrombie and Co., and had been Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. He had thirty years' experience in Bombay: his firm had been taking indents in Bombay, the terms being free Bombay harbour, free ex-godown and cost, freight, insurance, interest and other charges, for the last 10 or 15 years'. When the price was paid for the indent, he said the firm was not liable to account for the price paid to the maker: they had never accounted to the indentor, and he had never demanded it: if he did, they would not give it: when the price was fixed, they got nothing from the indentor except the fixed price: it made no difference whether the firm received commission or trade discount from the maker, either with or without the knowledge of the indentor: he believed it to be the custom in Bombay: his firm got their profits in the price; the price to the indentor covered every single thing till the goods arrived in Bombay: the dealers knew they got their profits in this way: the home firm could decline the indent or not: if they miscalculated, they were still bound by the indent, if they had accepted it. Mr Abercrombie was cross-examined, but his evidence was in no way shaken and what he had said was subsequently borne out by the plaintiffs' other witnesses. Taking the whole of the evidence into consideration the conclusion the Court came to was that according to the custom of trade in Bombay when a merchant requested or authorized a firm to order, buy, and send goods to him from Europe at a fixed price nett, free godown including duty, or free Bombay harbour and no remuneration was specifically mentioned, the firm was not bound to account for the price at which the goods were sold to the firm by the manufacturer. The Court further held that it did not make any difference by the firms receiving commission or trade discount from the manufacturer, either with or without the knowledge of the merchant. There was no doubt the defendant knew of this custom. Though he had dealings for a considerable period with the plaintiffs and their predecessors, he had never asked for an account; and he was not able to point to, or even suggest, any instance when an account had been furnished either to himself or any other dealer. And yet he must have known profits were made: he could not have supposed the firm worked for no profit: and it was obviously no answer to say it never came to his knowledge in any particular transaction that a profit was made by the difference of prices. He never chose to find out, because his rights were satisfied when he got the goods at the indent price. His version, that he was told the plaintiffs' only profits were a five per cent commission from the manufacturer, was one the Court did not credit. It was emphatically denied by the plaintiffs' and was highly improbable. Mr. Justice Russell had directed by his decree that the Prothonotary of the High Court, Mr. L. N. Banaji, should forward the plaint and the other documents to Mr. Katz, of Messrs. Beier and Katz, at Lyons, at the plaintiffs' expense; and had given Mr. Katz liberty to intervene in the suit. This direction was given against the will of the, plaintiff; the defendant had not attempted to support it. When the case was before this Appeal Court, prior to remand, the Appeal Court determined to set aside the order. The result was a decree for Rs. 4,724, the sum agreed to by the parties, with, interest at 6 per cent, to the date of the decree. The plaintiffs must get all the costs of the suit including reserved costs except in respect of a certain summons. The decretal amount would bear interest at six per cent.

THE SMOKE NUISANCE.

PROSECUTION IN BOMBAY.

AT the Mazagon Police Court on Wednesday before Mr. Dastur, the Second Presidency Magistrate, the Alliance Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld on Tardeo Rd., and the Engineer and Manager of the Mill were prosecuted by Dr. K. B. Shroff, the Divisonal Health Officer, for having on the 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th days of August contravened the provisions of clause B. of sub-section (1), of Section 39. of the Bombay Mill Act, in negligently using or permitting to be used the furnace of the Mill, in such way as not to consume its own smoke. Mr. Dunlop of Messrs. Crawford, Brown and Co. appeared on behalf of the Municipality, and Mr. Byrne represented Mr. Hargowandas Mulchand, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Company., and the other two accused. Dr. K.B. Shroff, the Divisional Health Officer, was examined and in his evidence he said that dense black smoke in considerable quantity and at frequent intervals was observed issuing from the chimney of the mill on the days of observation and that in his opinion more than five minutes of black or dense smoke should not be allowed. Mr. Byrne on behalf of all three accused pleaded guilty to the charge. Mr. Dunlop brought to the notice of the Court that in spite of two warning letters having been addressed to the Company to abate the nuisance, no notice was taken and requested his Worship to inflict the maximum penalty on the Company.

The Magistrate in giving his decision said that it seemed that, although the furnaces are properly constructed, yet owing to bad stoking, there is a greater amount of dense and black smoke issuing from the chimney of the mill than ought to be the case. This was after a warning given to the Agents of the Company by the Municipal Authority and the observations were taken five times and on all five occasions the smoke nuisance continued. I convict the accused No. 1 (the Agent) who is principally responsible for the state of affairs and order him to pay a fine of Rs. 75 and Nos. 2 and 3 a fine of Rs. 10 each.

THE LATE MR. BHIMBHAI KIRPARAM.

THE death of Mr. Bhimbhai Kirparam, Talukdari Settlement Officer, Gujerat, which occurred at Ahmedabad on the 23rd instant removes from the ranks of public service, writes a correspondent, a capable and trusted officer of Government and the Province of Gujerat has lost in him a citizen of broad sympathy and tolerant views, and of exceptional public usefulness. Mr. Bhimbhai belonged to the class of public servants now fast disappearing, who rose from the lowest grades of the service, had the advantage of being trained under capable and broad-minded administrators in the early part of their career, and who imbibed from them the high traditions of perfect discipline, a high sense of duty, and a tender regard for the people placed under their charge. He joined the service in 1863 as a clerk and by dint of personal abilities and labour he rose to the highest position within the reach of a Government servant in the Subordinate ranks of the Revenue department. The idea of the "Bombay Gazetteer" on the lines afterwards adopted and carried out first suggested itself to Mr. Bhimbhai in 1874 while he was an accountant in the Kaira District, and the late Sir J. Campbell noticing his wide information and comprehensive grasp, selected him as his personal assistant for this work. The peculiar superiority of the "Bombay Gazetteer" over those of the other Presidencies may be without exaggeration put down to the shrewd intelligence of Mr. Bhimbhai. He worked at it—planning, collecting, selecting and arranging materials for the "magnum opus"—for years up to 1885 when his official connection with the "Gazetteer" came to an end. However his personal connection lasted almost till the end of his life, for amidst the many heavy calls on his time and energy, public or otherwise, wrote his own volume on Gujarat Hindus (Population Vol.) which Government published in 1901. Mr. Enthoven, the Census Superintendent, now in charge of the Imperial Gazetteer pays the work a deserved tribute, when he calls it a work "unique of its kind" in the whole series. Subsequently Mr. Bhimbhai was appointed personal assistant to the Director of Agriculture and here he helped his chief, Mr. Ozanne in developing many schemes for the improvement of agriculture. In connection with the work of Agricultural office he showed remarkable aptitude in dealing with figures and statistics, and the facilities that exist in reference to the condition and extent of agriculture in the present official publication are largly due to his plans and forms, afterwards adopted by the Government of India in their reports. Mr. Ozanne in fairness to his assistant, courteously acknowledged this but for his faithful second, he would not have been able to organise the Agricultural department so easily or so thoroughly. It was while employed in the Agriculture department, that at his initiation, Government undertook an inquiry into the charges against Mr. Crawford, Commissioner of the Central Division and the Government of the day as well as the public frankly recognised the enthusiasm, the earnestness and the fearlessness with which he brought the proceedings to a successful termination. From Poona he was posted as Deputy Collector and Treasury Officer at Surat, the city of his birth. Here he revised impartially the unequal assessment of Income tax, but his Surat career is principally connected with his Municipal work in the improvement of the city and its protection from fire and flood. It was his loyal initiative and support which strengthened the hands of the Hon'ble Mr. Lely then Collector of Surat in giving a permanent water supply to the city, though in order to make the scheme financially practicable he proposed the levy of a house tax in Surat. The subsequent comparative immunity of Surat from the extensive fires of old was due to execution of his schemes for widening of the streets in the outskirts of the town and an efficient water supply. He also planned and carried out the present protective works against flood in the Tapti river and whatever animosity existed against Mr. Bhimbhai in the early days of the house tax has now given place to a feeling of appreciation and gratefulness. Had his life been spared, he had still this idea of crowning his services to the City by a provision for drainage. His final step in the service was his appointment as a Talukdari Settlement Officer, a unique distinction conferred upon him in recognition of his many valuable services to the Government and people. Here his sole idea was to raise the status of the Talukdars, to relieve them of ignorance and indebtedness and restore them their originally high position in society and in the economy of the British Empire. While serving on the "Gazetteer" staff he in company with the late Mr. Mathuradas Devji, and Mr. Karsandas Vallabhdas planned and put into working order the Goculdas Tejpal Boarding School, an institution to which many poor graduates of the Bombay University owe their education and prepared the schemes for the Sanscrit Pathsale and the Goculdas Tejpal High School, which have since been opened.

DEALING BETWEEN COMMISSION AGENTS.

SUIT IN THE HIGH COURT.

THE Hon Mr Justice Russell, at the High Court yesterday, delivered judgment in the suit brought by Kalkaprasad Deviprasad against Rao Bahadur Casturchand Abirchand, in which the plaintiffs claimed to recover from the defendant the sum of Rs 1,618-15-3 with further interest from the 16th April 1903, till payment at the rate of Rs 5-13-0 per cent per annum and the costs of the suit. Mr Davar and Mr Jardine instructed by Messrs Dikshit, Dhunjisha and Sunderdas appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr Weldon and the Hon Mr Setalvad, instructed by Messrs Little and Co, appeared for the defendant.

The parties in the case are merchants carrying on business in Bombay by their moonims, and there had been dealings between the firms in Bombay in some of which the defendant's firm was said to have acted as the plaintiffs' commission agents while in some the two firms were said to be partners. In respect of those dealings and transactions the plaintiffs claimed the sum of Rs 1618-15-3, including interest up to the 15th April 1,903.

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J. H. DuBOULAY,
Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.
Dated Ganeshkhind, 26th September, 1904.

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THE INDIAN SALT DEPARTMENT.

"PUBLIC Works," an illustrated record of public works at home and abroad, publishes an article, in its latest number, on Work in the Indian Salt Department. The Government of India, our contemporary explains for the benefit of its readers elsewhere, embraces many departments of which very little is generally known, and the account here given of the life and work of the Salt official in the actories along the Southern coast is interesting, as showing the manifold duties which fall to the lot of the Indian official. A description is given of the process by which the salt is manufactured, and the primitive appliances which are still used for the work. The writer is Mr. E. H. D. Sewell, formerly of the Madras Salt Department, and considering that gentleman preferred to give up his position and prospects in the Department to become a professional cricketer, it might be expected that he would inveigh against it and tell us, as many have before, that it is the "last refuge of the destitute" and so forth. Many of its best men have left it for more lucrative, if also more precarious, employment and they have probably had very good cause. But Mr. Sewell has only striven, within the limits of a single article to describe all the duties of Salt officials, conveying to the reader "something at least of the daily task of hundreds of men who do really toil as hard as any men anywhere on the inhabited earth with, quite possibly, the very smallest recompense and equally possibly one of the dullest lives to live." He grumbles very little, which surprises us. Perhaps he has forgotten some of the grievances of the officers in his Department, or he might have ventilated them in the hope of bringing about reforms which would have rendered more pleasant the lives of those who stuck to the salt pans, having no such pleasant opportunity of making a change as he had. He does, however, make it plain that no man joining the Department can ever hope to reach the top of the tree, as the Commissioner is an Indian Civilian—an expression which conveys very little to the reader at Home, but very much to the subordinate out here. One of the Deputy Commissioners is always an Indian Civilian too—"a very sore point this among bona-fide Salt officials, who are thus deprived of one of the three plums of a service noted for its dearth of good things." Salt officials, he does not deny, may rise from six hundred to fifteen hundred rupees per mensem—in time. But he calculates that forty years would be required for the performance of such a feat, for promotion is exceptionally slow, unless the officer has very great interest in high quarters,

The Upper Grades, as Mr. Sewell, informs his readers, are formed from the successful candidates at annual competitive examinations conducted by Government. Assistant Inspectors may be appointed immediately after examination, and many a native or Eurasian clerk from the Board of Revenue is appointed direct from office to executive work after exemption from entrance examination. An officer, appointed as Assistant Inspector first grade on Rs. 175 a month, can only, in the ordinary course of things, become an Assistant Commissioner of the lowest grade after quite fifteen years' service, and that is exceptionally rapid promotion. He will then be twenty years at least an Assistant Commissioner, so that very few officers reach the Deputy Commissioner's grade with more than two or three years to serve, before they attain the age limit of fifty-five years. Of course, Mr. Sewell, admits, a few who joined in their teens, as numerous natives and Eurasians do, have become Deputy Commissioners while still on the right side of fifty, but their cases have been exceptions. He points out that in addition to salt work, every official has to do Abkari revenue work and has sometimes a distillery in his charge. The inland circle, of which Mr. Sewell was once in charge, was ninety odd miles long by thirty broad and contained one large distillery and an innumerable lot of cocoanut, palmyra and date trees, from which a vast revenue is annually collected, as no tree may be tapped for toddy juice without previous payment of the tax at so much per tree according to its kind. From this it becomes apparent that the officer may, in the middle of his salt work, be called away at any hour to attend to a big illicit tapping or distillation case, perhaps at the other end of his circle, in addition to which detection and prevention of scraping of earth-salt is part of his duties. Earth-salt, as he explains, is contraband, as from it, by a boiling down and evaporating process, the very best of salt can be obtained, and so every nook and corner of the circle has to be spied out to find if any scrapings have been taken and if possible to arrest the offenders. Earth-salt localities have thus to be kept under constant surveillance and the duties of the salt-officers are the more trying, the more numerous these localities.

After manufacture which process Mr. Swell graphically describes, the salt is sold in a manner which is also explained. The licensee of the pans says how much he will require and from which of his storage heaps, so that it sometimes happens that a 3,600 maund heap is stored in the forenoon, and sold out in the afternoon; all these transactions being duly entered up in the various registers, so that the life of that particular heap, so far as Government registers go, is about an hour. In the morning, writes Mr. Sewell, the space was blank, by noon it contained 3,600 maunds of salt in a heap duly numbered and entered; by 4 p.m., the space was blank again and the morning number permanently cancelled, though of course the space number remained for ever constant, each platform being divided into so many permanently numbered spaces. It is in such a case, it seems, that defalcations have occurred. By arrangement with the licensee and a clerk or two a defalcating factory officer has only to weigh in the heap of salt, let his subordinates weigh out and the space is again blank. By not giving this short lived heap a number, no trace of the existence of these particular 3,600 maunds of salt is to be found in any of the factory registers. The licensee, therefore, pays no two rupee odd maund tax, plus cess according to the rate prevailing—a gain of some Rs. 7,500 to the licensee from which an odd hundred or two in the pockets of dishonest officials is less than a bagatelle to him, especially as he sells those 3,600 maunds at a clear profit, excluding the very small cost of manufacture. The system has been worked, but Mr. Sewell adds, naturally instant dismissal follows. He might tell us what comes after that, for as sure as the night follows the day so quickly as one form of peccadillo is stopped, another is invented. There is no end to the machinations of those who would rob a department, Government or Municipal, and there are probably twice as many special ways of "diddling" the Salt Depatment as its officials in their wildest dreams, imagine.

INDIAN CURRENCY. A REPORT upon the operations of the Paper Currency Department for the year 1903-1904 is published in the "Gazette of India" and contains many interesting features worth reproduction. A general view of the progress made during the last three years in the circulation of currency notes is given. It shows, what it has been usual to call, the "gross," the "net," and the "active" circulation on the last day of each month of those years and also the average of each year. By "gross" circulation is meant the value of all notes that have been issued and not yet paid off; the "net" circulation is this sum less the value of notes held by Government in its Treasuries; and the "active" circulation is the "net" reduced by the value or notes held by the Presidency Banks at their head offices, which is subject to large varifations dependent upon the condition of trade. Of these three kinds of circulation the "active" is the most important, for it shows to what extent paper money is used by the people in their pecuniary transactions. It is satisfactory to find that the annual average "active" circulation has increased from 2,119 lakhs in 1901-02 to 2,349 lakhs in 1902-03, and 2,634 lakhs in 1903-04. The progress has been rapid and regular, and contrasts favourably with the slower and rather variable advances made during the preceding eight years. Twelve new forgeries were detected during the year. Two were of Calcutta circle notes of Rs. 10 and Rs. 1,000; two of the Bombay circle, one of Rs, 500 and the other of Rs. 1,000; two of Madras circle, one of Rs. 10 and the other of Rs. 100; and the remaining six of the Rangoon circle notes of Rs. 10, Rs. 20, Rs. 50, Rs. 100, Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 10,000 respectively. The forgery of the Calcutta circle Rs. 10 notes was a photo transfer on litho stone finished by hand and that of Rs. 1,000 notes was a fairly good imitation. The Rs. 10 forged notes of the Madras circle were exact reproductions by photograph of the printed portions of a note, but were upon bad paper which had no water mark, and the forgeries of Rs. 100 notes were mere pen and ink sketches with but litttle resemblance to genuine notes. The forgeries of the Bombay circle and Rangoon circle notes were all in styles which should have deceived no one.

THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK. THE recent report of Sir James Mouteath who, in the minds of the people of Gujerat, will probably rival Lord Curzon as a rain bringer, indicated the removal of all apprehension of any widespread distress in the Province during the next few months. The latest season reports on the agricultural situation do not supply any reason to change that view. It is true that during the past week there has been no rain anywhere in British territory in Gujerat, but though more moisture is still needed, the benefits of the recent downfall remain. The Ahmedabad and Surat districts continue to be the worst off, but adequate measures have been taken to deal with the necessities of the case there, as elsewhere, as they arise. In the Olpad taluka of Surat, where the standing jowari has almost completely withered, the fooder supply is deficient. Sir James Monteath reported the condition of the cattle in the vicinity of Surat and Broach to be very bad, but the Rajpipla and Mandur jungles are being utilised for the grazing of the animals. The progress of agricultural work shows little change from that reported a week ago. The sowing of rabi crops is being carried on in many parts and in others the land is being prepared for these crops. The Konkan and the Deccan received some little rain during the week and in those areas, except for the damage already effected and likely to be done by insects, there is no anxiety. In the Nasik district the fodder difficulty is disappearing as a result of the growth of grass produced by the late rains. The supply is reported to be still scanty in Satara, but it may be now expected to quickly adjust itself to the local needs. Several parts of the Baroda territory were favoured with rain during the week though it is urgently required in the Kadi and Amreli divisions. In the latter area fodder and water are insufficient, but doubtless adequate measures will be taken to meet these difficulties.

PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS. MR. T. BLOCH, the Archæological Surveyor, Bengal Circle, has compiled a most interesting report of the work performed by his Department during the year 1903-1904. In Bengal the sum of Rs. 62,261 has been spent on conservation of ancient monuments, and in Assam Rs 727. The total amount sanctioned for conservation work in Bengal amounts to Rs. 2,94,124 out of which a considerable sum has already been expended in previous years Among the new proposals for conservation work are many which will be eventually taken in hand. Chief among these are additional repairs to the Baigunia temples which Maharaja Manindra Chandra Nandi of Cossimbazar has been asked to have executed at his own cost; repairs to the Jor Bangla, Shamrai, Madan-Mohan, Gopal-Mohan, and Mallesvar temples and to the laterite gate of the fort; repairs to the Dargah of Khan Jahan and to the Satgumbaz Mosque and various repairs in the district of Malda. A detailed and systematic survey has been carried out of the ancient site of Vaisali at Basarh and adjacent villages in Muzaffarpur where Mr. Bloch spent 53 out of the 155 days he was on tour. The result is a map based on accurate measurements and drawn up on the scale of four inches to the mile. Excavation work was limited to the ancient fort at Basarh, called "Raja Bisal ka garh," which yielded some interesting results. The cost of the excavations, which amounted to Rs 1,500-7-6, has been defrayed out of a special grant of Rs. 2,000 received from the Imperial allotment for Archæology. The question of issuing a corpus inscription of Bengal has been under consideration and it has been decided to abandon the idea, as a corpus arranged according to modern territorial limits naturally would contain much unconnected matter and as the majority of the inscriptions have already been published and translated in well-known periodicals.

THE CITY'S HEALTH. PLAGUE would seem to have already begun its seasonal increase in Bombay City. During the week ended on Tuesday, there were eighty-five deaths from the disease, a number identical with that of the corresponding week of last year, though less than the lustral mean. The total mortality for the week compares unfavourably with that of a year ago, showing an increase of 101. Diarrhœa and dysentery still account for more deaths than at this time last year, and diseases of the respiratory system are also more fatal. Under most of the principal heads of disease, the returns show a mortality in excess of that at the corresponding period of 1903. On the other hand, the birth-rate shows a considerable rise. The number of births registered last week was 456, the highest that has been recorded this year and much higher than any figure of births returned during the last few years. The increased birth-rate is one of the most reliable indicators that we can have of generally improved material conditions of life in the city, though doubtless somewhat of the rise is due to better registration.

THE Government of Bombay will assemble at Mahableshwar on Monday, the 17th October.

No date can yet be fixed for the Viceroy's and Lady Ampthill's departure from Simla. Their Excellencies will remain there pending definite news from Home regarding Lord Curzon's plans.

ON and after the 1st October, 1904, insurance will be available for foreign registered letters addressed to the British colony of Barbados. The maximum amount for which a letter can be insured is £120.

MR. T. J. GREENSILL, Government Canvasser for trade for the Nushki-Seistan route, has arrived in Bombay. Samples of goods, for which there is a demand in Persia, have been exhibited at the rooms of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce during Wednesday and yesterday.

A CURIOUS custom obtains among the Coorgs, says, the "Statesman." When one of them kills a tiger or a panther he is married to the dead animal regardless of its sex. Propped upon a framework of wood or bamboos the animal is carried in procession and the marriage ritual is strictly observed while lavish hospitality is dispensed. Anyone who is prepared to make a deposit of money is eligible to be present at the wedding feast. This money helps to cover part of the expenses. The Coorgs have also a superstition that when a wounded tiger or panther attacks and mauls a person, puja has to be performed, otherwise his nature will be transformed into that of the brute, and ever afterwards his sole endeavour will be to kill people at the rate of a victim a year at the very least.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending 27th September was 663, giving a death-rate of 44·22 per annum per thousand as against 37·66 the corresponding period of last year, and 48·90 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 46 died from fevers; 85, plague; 2, small-pox; 3, measles; 9, cholera; 4, leprosy; 64, phthisis; 54, diseases of the nervous system; 149, affections of the respiratory organs; 43, diarrhœa; 16, dysentery; 46, still-born; 97, old age and debility; 7, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 31; Brahmin, 27; Lingaet, 0; Bhattia, 4; Hindu of other caste, 317; Hindu low caste, 73; Musalman, 149; Parsee, 25; Jew, 3; Native Christian, 25; Eurasian, 3; European, 5; Negro-African, 1; Buddhist, 0; other and unknown castes, 0. The total number of births was 456 as against 382 the corresponding period of last year, and 333, the average over the past five years.

AMONG the articles of the Marquis of Anglesey still to be sold are silver and gilt frames, with coronet and monograms set in diamonds, enclosing congratulatory telegrams from the King and Queen Alexandra, the President of the French Republic, and his Majesty's private secretary; a gold afternoon tea-service, studded with diamonds, turquoises, garnets, and other precious stones; over 200 umbrellas and walking sticks, and a dog-collar set with turquoises, amethysts, carbuncles, pearls, and other precious stones.

EARL GREY is the first Harrovian to be Governor-General of Canada for a very long time. The present Duke of Argyll, the late Marquis of Dufferin, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and the Earl of Minto were all Etonians, whilst the Earl of Aberdeen was educated at St. Andrews. Like Earl Grey, the Duke of Argyll and the Earl of Minto are Trinity, Cambridge, men. Lord Aberdeen went to University College, Oxford, the Marquis of Lansdowne to Balliol, and the Marquis of Dufferin to Christ Church.

HIS Majesty the King has granted permission to the Fine Art Society to reproduce in colour facsimile the sixty water-colour drawings presented by the Royal Society of Painters in Water-Colours to their Majesties on their coronation. The reproduction of the Drawings has also received the assent of the Royal Society of Painters in Water-Colours, and the collection will be published immediately by Messrs. A. and C. Black as a volume entitled "British Water-Colour Art" in their series of "Beautiful books."

AN amusing incident is reported from Konigsberg, showing the feeling aroused by the Russo-Japanese War. A Russian lady, while examining goods in a shop, seized a Japanese saucer and threw it to the ground, saying:—"Thus may the cursed Japanese treated." The shop assistant picked up the pieces, wrapped them in paper and informed the lady that she would be expected to pay for them. Hereupon the customer dashed the fragments once more to the floor shouting this time:—"And so may the Germans be treated." The patriotic German shopwoman replied by giving the lady a sounding box on the ear, saying as she did so:—"And may the Russians thus be served." Tremendous excitement ensued, and ever since the shop has been doing a roaring trade, all the Konigsberg people going to see and admire their patriotic fellow-citizen.

THE GREATEST GEYSER ON EARTH.

NEW ZEALAND'S NEW WONDER.

THERE is probably no portion of the earth's surface more calculated to rouse the imagination and illustrate the destructive power of Nature in her angrier moods than that popularly known as the Hot Lakes District of New Zealand. This region of thermal activity is a belt of country in North Island some 100 miles in length. To form a rough idea of its locality and extent, draw a line across the map from Napier to New Plymouth. In the centre of this line stands the volcanic peak of Ruapehu. From the gleaming glaciers of this mountain the volcanic zone extends in a north-easterly direction to the broad sweep of the Bay of Plenty. Visitors to New Zealand who land at Auckland are within a day's railway journey of the healing waters of Rotorua, which has now become a world-famed health resort and a favourite tourist centre for the Hot Lakes.

Everyone will remember how, in 1886, Mount Tarawera burst into activity and destroyed the Pink and White Terraces, the pride of New Zealand and one of the wonders of the world. There is not the slightest doubt that these were not merely covered over by the volcanic deposit, but were blown into fragments by the terrific force of the explosion; and the fact that they may possibly re-form in the course of a few millions of years is small consolation to readers and travellers of to-day. But as though by way of compensation for this irretrievable loss, the volcanic forces, ever seeking a fresh outlet, ever rending another breach in their prison walls, have recently put forth a new wonder writes a correspondent of "Manchester Guardian." Only a year or wet ago, in the great volcanic rift formed by the eruption of 1886, there broke out a new geyser, which has been named Waimangu (Black Water). At irregular periods it hurls a huge volume of boiling mud and water and heavy stones to the stupendous height of 1,000 feet and more. Its record "shot" has been variously estimated at from 1,200 to 1,500 feet. Probably the lower figure would be a fair estimate.

THE JOURNEY.

We had been roaming through the Hot Lakes District for some days, growing habituated to the gurgle of boiling mud, the swish of the geysers, the unsavoury reek of sulphur, and the still more unsavoury habits of the Maoris, and we decided to make the trip to Waimangu and take our chance of witnessing a display of the monster geyser. Starting from Rotorua at 7-30 a.m., we drove the ten miles to Lake Tarawera, where a boat awaited us. Our party had now been increased by fresh arrivals to the number of about twenty, and we were accompanied by a Government guide. Now sailing and now pulling, according as the light breeze rose or fell, we crossed the eight miles of water that separated us from the opposite shore and from the base of Mount Tarawera, which lay like a sleeping monster basking in the sunshine, his giant flanks seamed and scored with the lava flow. Will he ever wake again? One could not help wondering. Gaining the shore, we had a toilsome clamber over broken volcanic soil, now twenty to thirty feet deep to Lake Rotomahana, where another boat was ready for us. Eighteen years ago we should here have gazed with wonder at the pink and white terraces rising on either side of the lake. Now their sites are hidden far beneath the surface, and the level of the lake itself is forty feet higher than before the eruption. Our passage this time, though short, was full of incident. Ahead of us the water of the Lake was steaming like a wash-tub, the lofty banks were enveloped in spouting, curling, hissing clouds of steam, whilst the air was heavy with the fumes of sulphur. Our boat made for the liveliest corner of the lake, and presently we stopped to hear the water boiling beneath the boat. One could feel it bubbling against the sides, and some of our party at this stage began to look rather doubtful. It was indeed a weird experience—the utter solitude, the sulphurous air, the oppressive silence, unbroken save by the hissing of the steam-jets and the bubble, bubble of the boiling lake. Only darkness was needed to make it a veritable Brocken scene. At one time there seemed a very fair prospect of our acquiring a closer knowledge of the mysterious lake for in their eagerness to gain a view of a large boiling mud-pool close to the banks nearly all the party rose to their feet, and the boat, though solidly built showed signs of resentment. At last we ran our craft on to a smooth shelving beach, were carried ashore one by one on the backs of our Maori boatmen, and began our last scramble, which was to bring us to Waimangu.

It was now past noon, and the sun beat mercilessly down as we picked our way over the loose, heavy soil. Soon we ascended a narrow zig-zag track and emerged at the look-out house overlooking the geyser. Anything happened yet? was our first question. No, there had been a small shot of a hundred feet or so that morning, but no big display for a day or two. All the better chance of seeing a big one, for this looked as though she were saving herself up for a fine effort. We paused for a few minutes to examine the crater, a muddy, vicious-looking pool, about an acre and a half in extent, and then plodded along the track to the new Government Accommodation House, a trim little wooden hotel perched on an eminence about 800 yards from the crater. There we found the shady verandah filled with tourists from all quarters, all watching the crater, no one daring to move away, lest at any moment the great black column should rush heavenward and a few moments' absence lose them the chance they had come so far to obtain. Small wonder that the Waimangu stare has become proverbial.

"SHE'S GOING."

We joined the expectant crowd and, seated in comfortable lounge chairs, proceeded to cool down and take in the strange panorama before us. But we sat and waited through the long afternoon and the sun set without any sign of movement in the crater. Reluctantly we moved in to dinner, swallowed hastily by all, and then in the short twilight resumed our stations in the verandah. We were now giving up hope of seeing anything that day, and as the twilight deepened our talk drifted from London theatres to the war in the East and back again to Maoris and geysers. We had begun to discuss plans for next day. Should we work back to Rotorua, or stay on until—"Hark! What's that?" Down below us a sound, faint at first and gradually rising, just like a breeze rushing through a forest. "She's going! She's going!"

We all leapt to our feet, and, straining our eyes through the gathering gloom, we saw a vast murky column lifting itself from the crater, like some genie of the "Arabian Nights," and towering aloft till it overtopped the summit of Tarawera in the background and shot clean above, showing clear against the starlit sky. For fully twenty second it appeared to hang arrested in mid air. Then the boiling mud slowly subsided, leaving in the heavens a massive steam-cloud, in shape strangely resembling some great bird brooding over the troubled crater. The wonder of the thing, the sheer terror of it, gripped one's senses. The ghostly effect, too, was enhanced by the comparative silence, for the noise which we had heard at first soon ceased, being caused by the falling back into the crater of the huge boulders, some of them two hundredweight, which are hurled up with the column of boiling mud and water. The guide, who from constant practice is able to form a fairly correct estimate of the height, reckoned the shot to be 1,100 feet.

After this the gloom thickened, and in another hour many were making for their beds. From the sounds that reached our ears it was evident that the geyser was still playing in the darkness, but it was impossible to distinguish anything. Until 2 a.m. I lay half-dozing, and still hearing at intervals the working of the geyser. Then she ceased. I woke soon after daybreak. All was still in the crater. The great convulsion was over—possibly, if we could have seen all that had transpired, the most lengthy display that has ever taken place. For six hours she must have been playing at frequent intervals, and it was exasperating to feel that the curtain of darkness had closed on most of the performance.

POSITION AT MUKDEN.

NEW JAPANESE LOAN.

INCREASE OF THE ARMY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, SEPT 28.

The Nijni Novgorod had on board a thousand troops when she passed the Dardanelles a portion of which were reliefs for the garrison in Crete. She awaits further instructions at Port Said.

Reuter (Tokio) says that altogether about 45,000 sick and wounded soldiers are now in Japan.

The system of their treatment is admirable and the mortality is exceptionally small.

Reuter (Tokio) says the Japanese Government has decided to issue an internal loan of eight millions sterling at five per cent. It is expected the loan will be largely subscribed.

The Government also proposes to amend the Conscription law making the total period of military service seventeen years, thereby increasing the available strength of the Army.

Three coal laden German steamers have arrived at Teneriffe where they await instructions.

General Kuropatkin reports numerous skirmishes along the Russian front. The Japanese are confining themselves to outpost attacks all of which have been repulsed.

Reconnaissances have established that the main Japanese forces are still along the Yentai Railway.

The Russians and Japanese are in constant contact, General Samsonoff's troops being particularly engaged.

LONDON, SEPT. 29.

"Le Temps" states that Russia has ordered eleven torpedo boat destroyers from the Societe Forges et Chantiers de Mediterranee deliverable in fifteen months and is negotiating for four cruisers of the Bayan type.

Telegrams, dated Colombo September 29, state :—Detailed accounts of the fighting since the Russian evacuation of Liao-yang show that Kuroki's failure to get round the Russian left and cut the railway north of Liao-yang was due to Kuropatkin's foresight in sending a greatly superior force across the Taitse. Some of the bloodiest encounters took place around Yentai, which was the key to the Russian position. The Japanese stormed the enemy's heights with bayonets and held the position, despite heavy losses. The Russians, however, with reckless bravery gained the summit, where prolonged bayonet fighting resulted in a Russian defeat with appalling losses. At the same time the Japanese attacked the Russian batteries. Ultimately the Russian gunners, by means of electrical devices, ascertained the exact position of the assailants and mowed them down in swathes, one battalion being annihilated, men dying in heaps before the guns. The casualties around Yentai numbered three thousand.

The Czar has informed Prince Louis of Battenberg that the war against Japan would continue as long as there was a Russian soldier or a Russian rouble left.

Tientsin reports that General Linevitch, with fifty thousand Russians from North-Eastern Korea, has cut Kuroki's communications at Feng-huan-cheng, fifty miles north-west of the mouth of the Yalu and one hundred miles south-east of Liao-yang.

The Russian General Staff state that two Army Corps have reinforced Kuropatkin since the battle of Liaoyang. His army now exceeds 200,000 men with 300 guns. Harbin is filled with Russian invalids including 35,000 wounded.

The Trans-Siberian Railway is proving insufficient. The Russians are becoming much demoralized, the officers especially plunging into dissipation on every opportunity, even on the eve of battle. Many famishing Japanese soldiers looted the food stores at Liao-yang, and some, going out of control, stabbed Dr. Westwater, the distinguished Scotch Missionary.

Japanese reinforcements are hurrying north Included among the officers is the Mikado's brother.

A telegram from Mukden says that Kuropatkin's rear-guard, after weeks of fighting, succeeded in saving most of the Russian transport and guns. The Japanese are still advancing along the railway.

General Kuroki has occupied a hill east of Yentai General Oyama telegraphed to Tokio that the main force of Russians appears to have retired northwards of Han-ho. Some troops are still at Kuchatsu' Fengchenghu and Kuangliapuo.

Kuroki's left occupied Gunnipu after some fighting.

It is officially announced that the Japanese casualties from August 26 were 16,539, Kuroki's losses being 4,866. Nodzu's 4,902, and Oku's 7,681. One hundred and thirty-six officers were killed and 464 wounded. It is understood at St. Petersburg that Alexeieff has tendered his resignation.

Telegrams from Mukden state that the Japanese are advancing from the east, south-east, and south-west, and that constant skirmishes are taking place. General Mistchenko, commanding the Russian vanguard, is retiring, before the Japanese. A number of his wounded have arrived at Mukden.

Mr. Bennet Burleigh telegraphs that, after their occupation of Mukden and Saghalien, the Japanese will be prepared to accept peace on the following terms :—Russia to pay an indemnity of a hundred million pounds; all Russian ships in Chinese waters to be transferred to Japan; and the formation of an international syndicate to work the Manchurian Railway on commercial lines.

Russia has ordered twenty-five sub-marines from an American firm.

THE "Westminster" thinks that the great strike at Marseilles and the consequent threat of the P. and O. Company to abandon it as a port of call in favour of Genoa may prove disastrous to the trade of the world-famous city. For out of 13 million tons of shipping dealt with at Marseilles in 1901, no less 3 1-4 million tons were British, and shipping inevitably goes where it can find the best accommodation. Marseilles is still growing in population, being now next to Paris in point of size (Marseilles 491,000, Lyons 459,000, in 1901). Genoa, the City of Palaces, is rapidly increasing her trade, owing in a large measure to the tunnelling of the Alps, in fact the shipping of the port has nearly doubled since 1891, being now not very far behind that of Marseilles. If the strike is not soon ended Genoa may take the place of honour among the great Mediterranean seaports, since it is easier to divert trade than to bring it back again.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LADY CURZON'S ILLNESS.

More Favourable Report.

LONDON, SEPT. 28, 9-28 P.M.

This evening's bulletin says that Lady Curzon has passed a comfortable day and her condition has improved.

LONDON SEPT. 29.

Lady Curzon passed a fair night last night, and yesterday's improvement is maintained.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 29.

The President of the Marwari Association, Calcutta, sent the following cablegram to Lord Curzon :—"Members are deeply grieved at Lady Curzon's illness and pray for her speedy recovery," and received the following cheerful reply yesterday :—"Sincere thanks, rejoice improving".

This is the most hopeful news yet received.

MADRAS, SEPT. 29.

The Sheriff of Madras has received from Lord Curzon the following reply to the telegram of sympathy sent yesterday :—"Sincerely grateful. First positive improvement to-day."

The Sheriff of Bombay has despatched the following telegram to Lord Curzon:—"The citizens of Bombay deeply sympathize with your Excellency and earnestly pray for Lady Curzon's speedy recovery."

The following reply from Lord Curzon has been received by the Sheriff of Bombay :—"Sincerely grateful for sympathy of Bombay. Progress continues."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ITALY AND GERMANY.

The Ministerial Conferences.

LONDON, SEPT. 29.

Yesterday Count von Bulow and Signor Giolitti went on an excursion to Taunus together, and Count von Bulow gave a dinner in Signor Giolitti's honor.

Another long conference took place to-day.

Signor Giolitti started in the evening for Racconigi where King Emmanuel is staying.

INTERNATIONAL LAW.

Russia and the Hague Convention.

STATEMENT BY M. DE MAARTENS.

The eminent Russian jurist M. De Maartens speaking yesterday at the Edinburgh Conference referred to the Russian Ukase defining the state of things to be observed during war, and pointed out that some of the declarations made at the Hague Conference were embodied therein, but some of the Hague Conventions were only for five years and expired in July, and in view of the war had not been renewed.

THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES.

The following is the result of the race for the Jockey Club Stakes :—

Rocksand	1
Henry I	2
William Rufus	3

H. M. S. HYACINTH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, SEPT. 29.

H. M. S. Hyaciath, with Rear-Admiral G. L. Atkinson Willes on board, left this morning for Trincomalee.

FOWLS AND PLAGUE.

SLAUGHTER OF THE MOORGHI IN MADRAS.

An extraordinary story prevails among the natives of Madras. It is said that owing to a gentleman dying after eating curried fowl, the plague authorities ordered all fowls to be immediately destroyed. Cartloads of fowls in all parts of the city are being destroyed and much loss and inconvenience are being caused among the poor.

INDIAN ARMY RE-ORGANIZATION.

THE MADRAS COMMAND.

A rumour is abroad at Ootacamund that it has already been decided to abolish the Madras Command. The "Madras Mail" learns that while there is undoubtedly an idea of abolishing this Command under Lord Kitchener's re-distribution scheme under which most of the troops of the Madras Presidency would move northward, nothing is yet known publicly regarding the settlement of any of the important questions under consideration. All are being held strictly confidential. The redistribution scheme is calculated to cost about ten millions sterling.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS SEPT. 29.—Captain Gaunt, 4th Dragoon Guards, on leave, from Muttra.

Captain Parker-Toulson, 4th Dragoon Guards, on leave, from Muttra.

Lieutenant Thorne, 103rd Light Infantry, on leave, from Satara.

DEPARTURE, SEPT. 29.—Captain Foster, I.M.S., on duty to Cawnpore.

Captain Hapsley, I.M.S., on leave to England.

Lieutenant Evans, R.E., on duty, to Jubbulpore.

IT is said that John Brown, a porter of Scarborough, and his sister have been bequeathed a sum of £30,000 by the will of an Australian cousin.

IN order to obtain dismissal many German soldiers have invented a way of producing in their ears an apparently bad ulcer by rubbing in a mixture which produced acute inflammation.

THE "Catholic Herald" announces that a joint pastoral will shortly be issued by the Roman Catholic bishops of England, dealing with church music. The Pastoral will entirely prohibit certain Masses belonging to what may be called the operatic school, and will strongly deprecate further employment of woman singers in church choirs.

POONA HORSE SHOW.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPT. 29.

The Poona Horse Show was opened this afternoon under the most favourable auspices, the attendance being one of the biggest ever seen before. Several Native Princes and Chiefs besides all the society of the station were present. The most satisfactory exhibits were in polo ponies, racer class and hunters. The Show will be also continued to-morrow. The following were the results and judges' remarks :—

ARAB AND C. B. CHARGERS.—1st Prize presented by the Officers, 9th Russell's Infantry.

Major General Richardson's Katerlets 1
Captain H B Dyson's b c b m Gazelle 2
Five entries.

Poor class, scanty entries and lacking in quality.

LIGHT WEIGHT HUNTERS UP TO UNDER 12 STONE—1st Prize presented by the Officers, 93rd Highlanders, 2nd Prize presented by The Fund.

Lt Colonel G H Bull's b aust g Welshman 1
Lt-Col O Channer's b aust m Jenny 2
Major R F Anderson's br aust g Champion ..... Highly commended
Capt H Hopwood's ch aust g Monsieur Beaucaire, commended.

Nineteen entries.

Very good class, Welshman being especially a fine animal, though some of the others ran him close.

LIGHT WEIGHT ARAB AND C. B. POLO PONIES,—1st Prize presented by the Officers 12th Rajputana Infantry; 2nd Prize presented by Agha Shamsudin Shah.

Major Fitz J M Edward's g arab g Fiddler 1
Major Wogan Browne's b arab g Manxman 2
12th Royal Lancers' Polo Club's br arab g Forat, highly commended
Major E P England's b arab Rocket ..... Commended

Twenty-eight entries.

Exceptionally good class and the quality was so high as to make judging difficult.

HUNTERS OVER 14-2.—1st Prize presented by H E the Governor; 2nd Prize presented by the Fund.

Aga Shamsudin Shah's b aug g Prestwick 1
Major Fitz J M Edward's ch aus m Runaway Girl 2
Major Guy Moore's br aust m Mimosa, Highly commended
Lt Colonel G H Bull's ch aust m Bullion, Commended

Thirty-three entries.

Very superior class indeed, Prestwick being particularly excellent and admirable horse.

TRAMS.—1st Prize presented by MR. W. D. Herbert.

H E Lord Lamington's bay austs Silvia-Speaker
Captain H Maynell 1
R F A 40th Battery Major E P England 2
R F A Team Lt A Evan's Gwynne Scr
Only two teams entered.

HORSES OVER 14-2 IN SINGLE HARNESS.—1st Prize presented by Mr S Armstrong. 2nd Prize presented by the Fund.

Mr Anandji Nanji's br eng m Modesty 1
H E Lord Lamington's b aust g Speaker 2
Twelve entries.

Very good showy, lot horses were good and turned out showy.

MEDIUM WEIGHT HUNTERS, UP TO FROM 12 to 14 STONE.—1st Prize presented by Major P. England. 2nd Prize presented by the Fund.

Lt-Col G H Bull ch aust m Bullion 1
Mr W F Casson's b aust g Tudor 2
Miss Anderson's b aust g Maxim ..... Highly commended

Eleven entries.

Class not quite up to the other hunters, but good.

ARAB AND C B PONIES 14-2 AND UNDER IN SINGLE HARNESS.—1st Prize presented by the Officers, 87th Panjabis.

Mr C A Beatty's ch c b g varmint 1
Mrs Guy Moore's b st b m Costa 2
Major T E Dyson's b c b m Hamilton Lovett ..... Highly commended

Twenty-two entries.

Very good class indeed, particularly country-breds.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF AND MAJOR C F MURRAY.

Brig-General B Mahon's br aust g Pure Simon ... 1
Mr C Bleach's b eng m Lady Chettenham 2
Mrs R F Anderson's br aust m Freda II ..... Highly commended
Mrs C A Beatty's br c b m Vilgiance Commanded

Twenty-two entries.

Very good class except Friendly and Faustine, first of whom fell and second refused. Purse Simon won in fine style.

ENGLISH AND COLONIAL POLO PONIES.—1st Prize presented by Colonel G C Onslow, 2nd Prize presented by the Fund.

Captain F Guest's ch eng m Policy 1
Captain H Guest's ch aust m Sally 2
Lt Colonel DeLisle's bl aust m Siren ..... Highly commended

Seventeen entries.

Very good class, Captain Guest's mare being particularly handy.

ENGLISH AND COLONIAL CHARGERS.—1st Prize presented by the Officers, 2nd Bn. Lancashire Regiment; 2nd Prize presented by S M McCausland

Major General Richardson's b aust m Pique 1
Lt Colonel G E Bull's b aust g Welshman 2
Major Fitz J M Edwards' br eng m Zante (by Macbeth) Highly commended

Twenty-two entries.

Very fine class and the classiness quality made judging long and difficult business.

LADIES' PONIES—Aust and English—1st Prize the Hon'ble Mr Fulton.

Arab and C. B—1st Prize Major F de B Young.

Mrs C A Beatty's br c b m Vigilance 1
Major Guy Moore's b eng m Faustine (Wingfield Silkstone) 2
Captain F Hopwood's ch aust g Little Mary 3

Twenty-one entries

Very good and equal class of nice handy hacks.

PAIRS IN HARNESS—1st Prize presented by Mr D Sheppard, I C S; 2nd Prize presented by the Fund

Mr Anandji Nanji's br c m Modesty, br e g Hero 1
H E Lord Lamington's b w g Steakor, b w m Silvia 2
Major General Richardson's y austs g Rocket Richochet, Highly commended

Eight entries.

Good class, the turn outs and horses were well up to standard class.

CHILDREN'S PONIES CONSTANTLY RIDDEN BY CHILDREN,—Prizes presented by the Fund,

Miss Armstrong's bay pony Tommy 1
The Rajah of Akalkote's b c b m Lady 2
Master Dick Northen's bl c b g Piccanini Highly commended.

Eight entries,

Good class, Topsy received a special prize.

RACQUETS AT POONA.

POONA, SEPT. 29.

The final in the double handicap in the Inter-regimental Racquet tournament was played off to-day. The match was between the R. H. A. and the Cavalry Club, the former being composed of Messrs. Nixon and Poston, and the latter of Messrs. Tomkinson and Reynolds. The Cavalry Club won by four points.

In the final in mixed doubles, Captain Hon'ble M. Guest and Captain Chaldecott versus Captains Parry and Poston, the latter won easily.

POONA OPEN POLO.

The final of the Poona Open Polo Tournament between the Scouts and the 33rd Cavalry will be played to morrow. The decision of I. P. is that the whole game should be played again.

OVER thirty clergymen have sent a formal protest to the Hastings Town Council against the running of motor-buses on Sundays.

AN improvement (?) on "looping the loop" has been introduced at the Folies Bergeres. It is called the Auto Bolide, and the apparatus resembles somewhat a huge S, with the junction of the two curves cut away. Starting at the top curve, an intrepid lady descends in an automobile with terrific speed, and is hurled upside down against the opposite curve, leaping a space of about ten yards.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA TOURNAMENT.

SEMI-FINALS.

GLOUCESTER REGIMENT vs. CASUALS.

THE Casuals having drawn a bye in the first round of the Bombay Gymkhana Rugby Tournament had to meet the Gloucester Regiment last evening, in the second game of the semi-finals, their opponents having beaten the Bombay Gymkhana team in the opening game of the tournament. The Casuals, a Club of recent creation, were not regarded as having the slightest chance against their formidable opponents and but for the leavening of four or five old tried players in the team, the idea of their competing at all would hardly have been looked upon with favour by local Rugger enthusiats. As it was, the result of the game was regarded as a foregone conclusion, the Gloucesters after their fine display against the Gymkhana being extremely unlikely to find themselves at all extended by a team of the calibre of their opponents. The latter, however, are to be congratulated on having so pluckily entered for the tournament and there can be no doubt that they have given a fillip to local Rugby football this season and with ripened experience in the course of the next season or two should develop into a powerful combination.

The Casuals when they arrived on the field found that two of their players, a half-back and a forward from H. M. S. "Perseus" had not turned up and they were obliged to make up their team by including J. Humphrey, who although originally selected had decided not to play owing to ill health, and another. These defections may have handicapped the side, but whatever the cause, it must be confessed that they gave a very weak display, their form except in a few individual cases being crude in the extreme. The absence of two of their players delayed the start, and it was 5-15 before the teams went into the field. Owing to this the time was divided into two periods of 25 minutes each, instead of 30 minutes. With every desire to spare the feelings of the Casuals, we must still admit hardly ever having witnessed a more one-side game. From the kick off it was as clear as a pikestaff that the Gloucesters would overrun their opponents and this they did in a literal sense, never at any stage of the game giving the Casuals as much as a look in. Any full description of the play would be monotonous and we will not attempt to do more than deal with the chief points. Regarding the play itself it will suffice to say as giving some idea how thorough was the defeat sustained by the Casuals that

THE GLOUCESTERS CROSSED THE LINE

three times in the first half and five times in the second. The Gloucesters' three-quarter line, as in the tie with the Gymkhana, played a brilliant game, their passing and combination generally being nearly perfect. Their forwards carried every scrum and letting the ball out to the halves the latter were able to pass to the three-quarters who obtained four of the tries. The halves themselves played a fine game, and with the forwards carrying everything before them they had an easy time of it. During the first half play, was for the most part confined to the Casuals' "25" and only on two occasions for very brief periods did the latter invade the Gloucester territory. Every one of the Gloucesters' team worked hard for his side. In the opening period Russell, Maslin, and Foord obtained tries, but none of these were converted. Better success, however, attended the place kicks in the second half, four of the five tries obtained being converted. The tries were obtained by Morris (2), Foord, Holder, and Whitworth, Parsons obtaining the Major points from two of them and Blyth and another each successfully negotiating one. For the Casuals Fischer of the three-quarters played a sterling good game, but the others were completely at sea, their tackling, passing and particularly their kicking being extremely poor. The forwards worked in a half hearted fashion and gave the back division no chance. They followed up badly frequently lagging behind and being mixed up with the backs. When the referee's whistle went for no-side, the score stood as follows :—

GLOUCESTERS..... 4 Goals, 4 Tries (32 points)
CASUALS..... Nil.

The following were the teams :—

Gloster Regiment.—Back : Lance-Corpl. Edwards three-quarter backs : Ptes. Maslin, Berry, Holder, and Lieut. Foord ; half-back : Lieut. Blyth and Pr. Russell, towards : Sergt. Ball, Lance-Corpl. Frost, Ptes. Parsons, Prosser, Murray, Gunstoo, Morris, and Whitworth.

Casuals—Back : R. H. Buttle ; three-quarter backs : Lieut. W. K. Pye, T. J. Reed P. F. Fischer, and J. Humphrey ; half-backs : J. Gunn and J. H. Griffiths ; forwards : F. Ross, J. R. Martin, T. H. Potts, C. F. Smith, A. A. Spilling, Hudson, V. T. Sulston, and T. Stockbridge.

Refree—Mr. F. Martelli.

There will be a game this evening between the Calcutta team and the Gymkhana commencing at 4-50.

ROYAL BOMBAY GOLF CLUB.

The second event of "The Week" was played off on Wednesday and Thursday. It was a match by Medal play in which there were prizes for the best Scratch and Handicap. Scores.

SCRATCH COMPETITION

	1st Round,	2nd Round	Total
R Aitken	41	41	82
F H Greig	43	44	87
K Mc kenzie	43	43	86
P F Fischer	44	42	86
A L S Roberts	44	42	86
F L Muir	45	42	87
R Kidd	43	45	88
A W Daldy	43	45	88
C H Roberts	44	44	88
E E Coombs	45	44	89
H G W Meikle	45	44	89

HANDICAP COMPETITION.

A L S Roberts	–6	44	42	80
J S Mackenzie	–12	49	45	80
G C Scott	–14	49	46	81
J Humphrey	–10	47	44	81
R Kidd	–6	43	45	82
A W Daldy	–6	43	45	82
K Mckenzie	–4	43	43	82
R Aitken	Scr	41	41	82
C H Roberts	–4	44	44	84
E E Coombs	–4	45	44	85
F H Greig	Scr	42	44	86
P F Fischer	Scr	44	42	86
Rev J Cameron	–12	51	48	87
G P Millett	–8	45	50	87
B H Duxbury	–4	47	44	87
G Miller	–8	46	49	87
F L Muir	Scr	45	42	87
H G W Meikle	Scr	45	44	89

The others were 90 or more, or did not put their cards in.

THERE are few subjects concerning which there are more illusions current than that of peasant proprietorship. Not the least popular of the fictions generally passing muster is that in France the peasant proprietors make a good living from the soil. As a matter of fact, we believe that it is only by the exercise of the utmost frugality and industry that the French peasant is able to extract a bare existence from his plot, but the subject is fully discussed in an excellent paper in the "Contemporary" this month. The writer, Erik Givskow explains that the secret of success lies in the fact that the French peasant follows two occupations. He tills, but he also manufactures, and by his labours in the silk and other industries he makes considerable additions to the profits of his agriculture. In France, as in England, in places where subsidiary industries do not flourish, wages are very low. With the rise and fall of trades the prosperity of certain districts increases and diminishes. We have seen exactly the same thing in England. For instance, nothing has done so much to impoverish the working classes of north-east Essex as the decay in the lace industry, which once afforded highly profitable occupation for the labourers' womenkind in their cottage homes.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Captain C. F. Harold and H. Harrison, Assistant Political Agents, 2nd Grade, passed an examination in Gujarati according to the Lower Standard on the 17th September.

Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, is granted privilege leave for one month from the 3rd October or subsequently.

The Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr. Chunilal Harilal Setalvad, Barrister-at-Law, to act as Fourth Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, during the absence of Mr. Dracup.

The Governor in Council is pleased to confirm Mr. R. P. Lambert as Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bombay, vice Mr. H. G. Gell, with effect from 16th January last.

Mr. R. B. Stewart, M. A. (Oxon.), I. C. S., on special duty, is granted, with effect from the 1st October, or subsequent date of such privilege leave as may be due to him on that date in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to 6 months.

Mr. A. G. Edie, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Fourth Grade, and Divisional Forest Officer, Nasik, is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him on 28th October in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to one year.

Mr. R. E. Enthoven, I. C. S., is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him on the date he avails himself of it, in combination with furlough for eighteen months.

Mr. G. P. Millett, Acting Conservator of Forests N. C., is granted privilege leave of absence for three months, in combination with furlough for sixteen months, with effect from 15th October 1904 or subsequently.

Mr. J. H. E. Tupper, B.A. (Oxon) I. C. S., is appointed to act as Talukdari Settlement Officer, in addition to his own duties, as a temporary measure.

Mr. J. DeC. Atkins, I. C. S., acts as Commissioner, Northern Division, vice Mr. R. M. Kennedy, I.C.S., proceeding on leave, pending further orders.

Mr. J. A. G. Wales, M.A. (Oxon), I.C.S., acts as Collector of Broach and member and President of the Local Board established for the Broach District vice Mr. J. DeC. Atkins, I. C. S.

Mr. G. W. Hatch, I. C. S., passed an examination in Kanarese according to the Higher Standard on the 17th September.

Mr. P. B. Haigh, I. C. S., passed an examination in Hindustani on the 19th September.

Mr. F. Gleadow, on return to duty, is appointed Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

Mr. J. C. Ker, M.A. (Cantab.), I. C. S., is appointed to do duty as Assistant Collector, Poona, as a temporary measure, with effect from the date of relief of special locust duty.

Mr. A. H. A. Simcox, B.A. (Oxon.) I. C. S., on return to duty is appointed to do duty as Assistant Collector, Thana, as a temporary measure.

Major Ashton Street, M.B., F.R.C.S., I.M.S., acts as Professor of Surgery and Clinical and Operative Surgery, Grant Medical College, during the absence on leave of Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Quicke, F.R.C.S., I.M.S.

Captain T. S. Novis, I.M.S., acts as Professor of Anatomy and Curator of Museum, Grant Medical College, vice Major A. Street, M.B., F.R.C.S., I.M.S.

Captain C. H. S. Lincoln, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., I.M.S., on return to duty is appointed to be substantive pro tem. Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy, Grant Medical College.

Mr. I. G. J. Harvey is appointed Inspector of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers vice Mr. S. H. Stevenson.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Quicke, F.R.C.S., I. M. S., is granted from the date of relief, such privilege leave as may be due to him on that date, in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to seven months.

Major Ashton Street, M.B., F.R.C.S. (England), I.M.S., is appointed to act as Senior Surgeon, J. J. Hospital, during the absence on leave of Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Quicke, F.R.C.S., I.M.S.

Captain T. S. Novis, I.M.S., acts as Second Surgeon J. J. Hospital, and Presidency Surgeon, First District, vice Major A. Street, M.B., F.R.C.S., I.M.S.

Captain C.H.S. Lincoln, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., I.M.S., on return to duty, is appointed to be substantive "pro tem." Resident Surgeon, St. George's Hospital.

HIGH COURT SUIT BY A BEGUM.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar, at the High Court, yesterday, delivered judgment in a suit brought by Bibi Thaver Sultan against Bibi Rukhia Sultan and four others, for a declaration that as heir of the late Bibi Begum Jan she was entitled to certain movable and immovable properties in Bombay. Mr. Jinnah and the Hon. Mr. Setalvad, instructed by Messrs. Tyebji Dayabhai and Co., appeared for the plaintiff; and the Hon. Mr. Scott and Mr. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co., appeared for the first defendant: while Mr. Branson and Mr. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Mirza and Mirza, appeared for the last four defendants.

His lordship in the course of his judgment, said the plaintiff, as the sole surviving daughter and heir of Bibi Begum Jan, who died on 18th October 1903, sued to recover possession of three immovable properties, and certain movable property. The first defendant, Bibi Rukhia Sultan, was the widow of Aga Mahomed Mirza, a son of Bibi Begum, who predeceased her. Defendants 2 to 5 were the minor children of the first defendant by Aga Mahomed Mirza. All the defendants claimed to be in possession of the properties, both movable and immovable, under a deed of gift alleged to have been duly executed in their favour in the house and in the presence of his Highness the Aga Khan on the 5th July 1901, and to have been subsequently registered. The evidence of his Highness the Aga Khan, of Dr. Rezario, and of Mr. Moos, a solicitor of this Court, was conclusive as to the factum of the deed of gift recorded in the case. The evidence of the first and last witness was taken on commission. Mr Jinnah, who had conducted the plaintiff's case with considerable skill and ability conceded that, after the evidence of his Highness the Aga Khan he could not question the genuineness and due execution of the deed of gift. At this stage, the first defendant was under examination. The evidence of these three witnesses was also conclusive as to the delivery of the movable property under the deed by Bibi Begum Jan the first defendant immediately after the execution. Mr Jinnah had conceded this point also in favour of the defendants. The only questions which remained for consideration was as to the immovable properties, the question being whether possession was duly given under the deed to the defendants by Bibi Begum Jan so as to fulfil the requirements of the Mahomedan law and make the gift legally complete and valid. According to the evidence of the first defendant and her solicitor, Mr Mirza, who was related to her Bibi Begum Jan and the first defendant belonged to the Usuli division of the Shia sect of Mahomedans. After commenting on the evidence and the law, his lordship said that Bibi Begum after her express declaration in the deed that possession had been delivered, remained with the family of H H the Aga Khan for a day or two. This act of hers was sufficient to make the first defendant's possession complete and exclusive. The fact that subsequently Bibi Begum returned and resided with the first defendant could not alter the possession once taken and completed. If the Mahomedan law were otherwise, it should mean that no member of a family could make a gift of her house to another, unless the donor was prepared to sacrifice the ties of affection and he leave the house bag and baggage, never thereafter to step into the house or to reside as a guest, or close relation of the family. If exclusive possession by the donee, taken immediately after the execution of the deed, and retained for a day or two, was not sufficient to make a gift complete, of how many days' duration should the possession be to complete the gift? Where was the line to be drawn? It must be drawn somewhere, and in the eye of the law, whether Mahomedan or other, one day's exclusive possession should be as good as one year or twenty years. The proposition that the donor should leave nothing belonging to him, not even a wisp of straw, should be interpreted in the light of common sense, and according to the exigencies and necessities of modern life. It could only mean that the donor should not reside and use the house as owner. For the defendant it was strenuously urged that the parties to the deed of gift were Usuli Shias, a progressive school of Mahomedans, and the Mahomedan law as to gifts, applicable to them, was much more liberal than the Mahomedan law applicable to other classes of Shias or Sunis. The remaining issues were found in favour of the defendants; and the suit was dismissed with costs.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

Some Evening Modes.

REVIVAL OF THE MANTILLA.

THE AMUSEMENT CRAZE.

LONDON, SEPT. 9.

ROSES, lace, ribbon, and tulle are all used in the making of dainty evening bodices. The bodices are softly draped with lace in such a manner as to give a light and airy effect. Lace is used not only for ruffles, quillings, and draperies upon evening bodices but for sleeves, chemisettes, and square panels as well. In whatever form it may be used, it is put on in folds and draped effects. Sleeves are invariably short; they may be either fitted or puffed, but must always be trimmed or draped in graceful folds. Sometimes they are merely of tulle, but the sleeveless bodice is not the most fashionable. A very effective bodice has wide gathered box-pleats, attached to the decolletage and to the waist. The shoulders are outlined by a full, short quilling of lace held down by a black velvet ribbon over the centre. This in turn rests upon full, narrrow folds of white tulle which outline the neck. Jewelled buttons decorate the velvet ribbon. The pretty sleeves are very full and short, and have fluffy lings to make them stand out. They are finished with three puffs, the lower one being outlined by two velvet bands fastened at the elbow by two jewelled buttons on each.

Another bodice is made in surplice style with the fulness of the surplices gathered just inside the arms and drawn forward with the right surplice crossing over the left. Both are gathered to a belt. At the crossing, on the decolletage, is placed a full bow of ribbon, and narrow ribbon folds serve as shoulder straps. A cluster of small roses completes the corsage, and a wreath of these roses borders the tops of the sleeves. The wide, short sleeve hangs loosely from the gathers at the top of the sleeve, and forms a fluffy puff which is very becoming to the arm. A more elaborate bodice is of lace trimmed with lace. If, however, it should be made of any thin foundation, it should be so covered with lace that the foundation scarcely appears. The decolletage is round and deep in the front and back, and the lace is gathered full to this and to the lower part of the bodice above the belt, where the lower edge of the lace top falls in a pretty frill that gives a bolero effect to the bodice. The corsage is bordered with full, loose folds of Liberty satin, tied in knots at intervals, and in the middle of the back the folds which border the inside of the lace frill at the bottom meet the satin folds at the top in a single knot.

This is a pretty effect, and is carried out in front with a jewelled decoration or bow of satin at the meeting of the folds. The full, short sleeves are trimmed round the bottom with a deep quilling of lace, having ribbon folds and knots through the centre. A ruffle of lace almost meets the edge of the top frill from the shoulder, and another frill of lace falls from under the bottom ruffle of the quilling. The girdle worn with this handsome bodice is wide and of soft draped folds of the material; it is trimmed on the middle of the back with jewelled buttons, two on each side. Roses trim the bodice in another case. It is rather elaborate, both in cut and make. The side pieces are fitted and joined by straps of the material or of velvet, fastened in the centre with a jewelled ornament. Three straps cross the full lace back, and three the fuller chemisette of lace in front. This fluffs a little between the straps, and gives fulness to the figure and also accentuates the slenderness of the waist-line. The decolletage is outlined by folds of tulle, bordered by a puffed band at the edge of the dress bodice. There is no girdle: the bodice slopes downward in a curved point over the belt. Wide bands of roses form the shoulder straps, and also cover the gathers at the top of the lace sleeves. These roses are small on the shoulders and large in front, where they come well down on the front of the bodice. The sleeves consist of three full lace flounces, the middle one being the principal part as the third one is drawn to the arm by an elastic band some inches above the elbow.

A word about evening skirts. The pleated skirts are as fashionable as ever, with any number of different methods for the arrangement of side pleats. Both sides pleats and box pleats are stitched down either with invisible stitching underneath or with perfectly apparent stitching on top, to well below the hips, and then the fulness of the skirt does not interfere in any way with the figure. Such a skirt as this, trimmed with broad tucks or folds cut on the bias, is very graceful, and is effective made up in almost any material—in crepe de Chine, Liberty satin, or any soft, clinging fabric. The lines are good and the draping is graceful and becoming. Black evening skirts are not so fashionable this year as usual, but for those who prefer them net lace or black satin should be used. There is a soft quality taffeta that is combined with embroidery net which is very smart for the simpler styles.

Lace scarves worn over the head in the evening as substitutes for hats have always been more or less in use, but chiefly for carriage wear. The mantillas and hoods, which are to be fashionable next season, however, differ greatly from these simple methods of protecting the hair. The revival of all the 1830 and 1870 fashions in gowns has naturally been followed by a revival of old shapes and styles in millinery. The lace hoods to be worn next winter, will be to a certain extent, modernised imitations of those which framed the features of the early Victorian beauties or the older hoods worn by the belles of the time of Louis XV. The hood Louis XV. is usually attached to a long cloak or cape. It is a dainty, frivolous affair, lined with scented silk and edged about with ruffles, roses, and ribbons. It is often a trifle wired above the edge to keep it from resting too heavily on the head and disarranging the coiffure.

Hoods and "capuchins of all descriptions, either of lace, gauze, silk, satin, or heavier materials, will be worn quite extensively this winter, and will either be part of the long opera capes or made separately, but usually showing some of the material of the cape, with ruffles, lining, and ribbons of a harmonising or delicately contrasting shade. The mantilla is, of course, the three cornered shawl-shaped piece of lace beloved of the Spanish woman. For English use, however, it is wired. In some cases it wired about the edges, with perhaps a rose at one side on a suggestion of a frame. The rose effects for decorating the wired mantilla are frequently made by knotting little loops of ribbon in the centre and fastening the short loops tightly together. Some rose effects have three and some four little loops. This knotted effect is very new and popular. When the little loops are completed, tie them tightly together at the bottom, and slip a green rose-cup over the rough ends. Pass a thread or piece of wire from the bottom of the rose through the cup, and fasten it to the ribbon, chenille, or green stem which holds the rose. All the roses, large or small, that have a cup are made in this way. Where small rose effects are bunched so closely that the bottoms, where the rough edges are do not show, cups are not required. When cups cannot be obtained, a tiny piece of shaped green silk or velvet will do.

Again for the girl who parts her hair in the middle and wants to add breadth to the lines of her face, the lace is looped up on either side, edged with the most delicate wire, and caught into the shape most becoming to the wearer. A new lace hood made of overlapping lace edging set on net is wired in front, and the fulness caught together in the back into a ruching round the neck. It takes a good deal of art to drape a piece of lace like the mantilla. It can be made to appear the most fascinating, alluring, and mysterious of veils, or just a common piece of stuff wound round the head. The woman who has successfully accomplished the arrangement of the long chiffon veil on the summer hat may

have some new and individual manner of wearing the mantilla, but the girl who is not gifted with fairy fingers had best acquire a wired or fitted hood of lace. Nothing is so becoming and so serviceable as this lace headgear. A handsome mantilla can be had for a reasonable price, and years only enhance the value of good lace.

Mr. H. B. Marriott-Watson, in the current number of "The XIXth Century," devotes a most elaborate analysis to "The American Woman," from which we learn some remarkable things, among others that "a woman's normal mood is an ordinary andante." One hardly connects such a "tempo" with our lively transatlantic cousins, considering the high pressure at which they live. However, the American woman, it seems, is "lapsing from muliebrity"—which is apparently only another word for "womanliness"—but is, says her critic, in spite of her shortcomings, "a most interesting and astonishing experiment." Meanwhile, in the August "Fortnightly," Mr. E. F. Benson has drawn up an appalling indictment against the "modern woman of the world." She has, he asserts, "grown so stupid that, with all wealth can buy at her command, she can find nothing more amusing to do than to dress expensively, play bridge, and fling the rest of her money into idiotic entertainments"—a dismal picture enough, and one can only wish that the brilliant author of "Dodo" could have shown himself as forcible as a constructive reformer as he does as a destructive critic. Unfortunately, the antidotes he suggests to this "social sickness" are of the vaguest.

A writer in "The Lady's Pictorial" asks very pertinently, apropos of this feverish craze for amusement, "What shall we do with all the irritable, unrescurceful, unamusable old women that we shall have on our hands in the coming by-and-by?" and suggests that we shall set our brains to work to "devise forms of indoor amusement for those who have no wit to amuse themselves." But our inventive geniuses have not been by any means idle, and one hears that the next society craze which may possibly oust bridge in popular estimation is the art of tattooing. After this we may surely look for the resuscitation of "the antic savage" in sober earnest. But there is still a little sanity left; indeed, the syallabus of the coming Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, to be held at York in November next, suggests that women have a very fair case in the "brain power" question. The prominence given to educational subjects is especially to be welcomed, and such subjects as "Hygiene in Schools" and the "Technical Education of Girls" take an important place in the subjects under discussion. In the list of chairwomen are well represented the women who have borne the heat and burden of the day" in the women movement, and among them will be Mrs. George Cadbury, Mrs. Creighton, and Miss Clifford.

Mrs. S. A. Barnett, who is also going to read a paper at the N. U. W. W. Conference, is meantime devoting all her energies to the redemption of fifty more acres on Hampstead Heath, and has worked right gallantly to raise the necessary sum. Perhaps no one realises better than Mrs. Barnett, working as she does so constantly in Whitechapel, the worth of the open spaces to London. Not but what Toynbee Hall, with its delightfully realistic suggestions of a transplanted Oxford college makes a very charming oasis in the desert of East London. One hopes that, indeed the work Mrs. Barnett has done in beautifying the East may be the most eloquent plea for help to that work she is doing in the North West of London, since she is still asking for contributions to cover the deficit in the purchase of these extra acres for Hampstead Heath—the nearest approach to a holiday ground that thousands of Londoners ever get.

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

A meeting of the members took place at the Society's rooms, yesterday, Mr. L. C. H. Young presiding.

NEW MEMBERS.

The election of the following new members, since the last meeting, was duly announced:—Mrs. M. Deakin (Bombay); Captain V. G. Drake-Brockman, I.M.S. (Bharatpur); Mr. F. H. Abbot, Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society of India (Calcutta); Lieutenant J. C. McKenna (Myitkyina, Upper Burma); Lieutenant H. D. S. Keighley, (Myitkyina, Upper Burma); Mr. C. C. Reid, I.C.S. (Calcutta); Mr. G. H. Belcham (Ratnagiri); Lieutenant J. L. Tweedie (Lucknow); Mr. A. L. Colden (Silchar, Cachar); Mr. H. R. Hume, D.S.P. (Kaira); Mr. R. A. Wilson I.C.S. (Nagpur C. P.); Captain H. K. Colston (Mhow C. I.); Lieutenant A. C. Cameron (Mhow C. I.); Mr. F. G. Arnold (Kawant, Rajputana); Mr. Mahomedbhoy Currimbhoy Ebrahim (Bombay); Mr. J. O. B. Donaghey (Bangalore); Mr. C. C. Boyd, I.C.S. (Karwar) Mr. George Service (Bombay,) Mr. R. K. Dadachanji (Bombay) and Lieut. F. H. Humphrys (Lahore.)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

Mr. H. M. Phipson, the Honorary Secretary, acknowledged receipt of the following contributions to the Society's collection:—

Contribution.	Description.	Contributor.
A collection of moths and butterflies from the Himalayas.	....	Mr. G. C. Dudgeon, F.E.S.
A lizard from Baluchistan	Agama isolepis	Col. R. H. Light
2 Cobras alive	Nala tripudians.....	Col. W. Bannerman, I.M.S.
1 Snake	Simotes albacinctus	Do
1 Snake alive.....	Zamenis fasciolatus	Do
1 Monitor alive	Varanus flavescens	Dr. V. L. Mankar
Bat	Cynopterus marginatus	Mr. C. G. Fee
2 Terapins	Platysternum megacephalum from Siam	Mr. H. D. G. Garrett
Some insects and spiders	....	Mr. C. E. C. Fisher, I.F.S.
Butterflies	from Quetta	Mr. Neville Eliot, R.A.
1 Snake alive.....	Python molurus ...	Mr. D. J. Tata
1 Snake	Callophis Sp	Mr. E. McDougall

Minor contribution from Mrs. Payne.

Contributions to the Library:—Annals of the Royal Botanic Gardens' Calcutta, Vol X, Part 1, in exchange.

Catalogue of Birds in the British Museum, Parts XVI to XXV, from the Trustees.

BEE CULTURE.

Mr. H. M. Phipson stated that he had lately been trying to interest the Agricultural Department on the subject of bee culture in the hope that they might see their way to carry out properly conducted experiments on the domestication of the two species of Indian bees which are not migratory (Apis nigrocinctus and Apis dorsata) and also possibly to introduce the European hive bee (Apis mellifica). Seeing how largely honey is used by the people of this country for the preservation of fruit and for sweetmeats, it is surprising that bee culture has not been further developed. Dr. Thedore Cooke made some interesting experiments several years ago in Poona with Apis indica but as this species of bee is known to be migratory, the experiments led to disappointment, as on the approach of the hot season the swarms fled to the hills, along with the Government officials. Had the experiments been made with the rock bee (Apis dorsata) which is twice the size of the other, the results might have been very different.

Mr. L. C. H. Young, the Honorary Secretary of the Insect Section, read some extracts from the latest work on the subject of Indian Hymenoptera, by Col. C. T. Bingham, and suggested that members of the Society living in the Punjab, Kolapur, and other places, where experiments had been made, should be asked to communicate with the Society on the subject.

FLEAS.

The Honorary Secretary stated that Capt. W. G. Listen I.M.S. had kindly offered to read another paper before this Society, at the November meeting, on the subject of Fleas and the part they play in the propagation of plague. Capt. Liston it will be remembered, read a paper on this subject, on the 15th March 1903, but he has since devoted much time to it and an account of his recent investigations will be of the greatest interest.

PAPERS READ.

The following papers were read and discussed:—1. Water-yielding Plants found in the Thana forest, by G. M. Ryan, I.F.S.; 2. Cassia occidentalis, by B. H. Barlow-Poole, I.F.S.; 3. Birds observed in the Nilgiris and Wynaad, by A. M. Primrose; 4. Notes on the feeding of some Birds in the Upper Chindwin District, Burma, by Capt. H. H. Harrington; 5. Notes on Burmese Reptiles, by Major G. H. Evans, A.V.D., F.L.S.; 6. Notes on the Hornbills of the Pegu District, by C. W. Allan, I.F.S.; 7. The Russells Viper, by Lt.-Col. L. L. Fenton; 8. A Cobra feeding on Eggs, by C. P. George; all of which will appear in full in the Society's journal.

THE SOMALILAND DESPATCHES.

We give below a full list of officers and men whose services are mentioned in despatches in the several Somaliland expeditions:—

COL. SWAYNES RECOMMENDATIONS.

BRITISH OFFICERS.

Major G. E. Phillips, R. E., D. S.O., served with me in both the 1900-01 and 1901-02 expeditions. In both he was second in command, and raised and commanded a corps of 500 levies. His clear judgment was at all times to be relied upon. He was specially deserving of reward, but was killed in action at Erego. I strongly recommend that his name receive recognition.

Captain and Local Lieut.-Colonel A. S. Cabble, D. S. O., 1st Bn. King's African Rifles, was Chief Staff Officer. He has received the Victoria Cross for his gallantry in working a Maxim and in assisting a wounded soldier under a hot fire at Erego. The hardest work of the expedition fell upon his hands, and I think him in every way deserving of reward.

Lieut.-Colonel A. W. V. Plunkett, 2nd Bn. King's African Rifles, commanded a detachment of 250 men of the 2nd Bn. King's African Rifles which arrived at the front in time to take part in the action at Erego. He was a cool and plucky Officer, and the steady conduct of his men in action reflected credit upon the careful training given by their Officers. He was in every way deserving of reward, but has since been killed at Gumburu.

Major P. B. Osborn, 3rd Bn. King's African Rifles, commanded a company of Mounted Infantry. He did very well with his men, and was in sole charge of a column which proceeded by a new and unexplored route from Kualo back to Burao. He was accompanied by some 8,000 animals, which had been given to the tribes, and a considerable number of the sick were entrusted to his care. His arrangements for the march were in every way efficient, and he succeeded in getting all his sick into Burao without casualties of any kind. I recommend his name for recognition.

Captain F. A. Dickenson, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, was in charge of the transport and afterwards in charge of the Camel Corps. His work was heavy and well carried out, and I think him deserving of reward. His name was brought forward by me in despatches on the 1900-01 expedition.

Captain J. N. Angus, R.A., was a young Officer of great promise, cool and careful at drill as well as in action. He at all times attracted my favourable notice. He was killed whilst fighting his guns against a rush of the enemy at Erego, and at that death the Somali gun detachment continued to fight the guns and drove off the enemy, losing heavily from close rifle fire from the surrounding bush. I strongly recommend that his name receive due recognition.

Captain A. H. Dixon, West Kent Regiment, had command of E Company (Somalis.) He is an Officer of sound judgment, and succeeded quickly in gaining the confidence of his men. The steady behaviour of the company in close fighting in the dense bush at Erego reflects credit on his training. I think Captain Dixon deserving of reward.

Captain H. du B. O'Neill, 1st Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment, commanded B. Company (Somalis). He succeeded with a few men in capturing 41 horses belonging to a raiding party at Kalis. His company was at all times steady, and behaved with coolness at Erego. I think Captain O'Neill deserving of reward.

Lieutenant C. E. Chichester, Somersetshire Light Infantry. This was a very promising young Officer. He commanded a company of Somalis in the rear face of the formation at Erego, and successfully repulsed a heavy rush of the enemy. He was specially noticed by me for coolness in an evening sortie after the action at Erego, when the enemy was driven back 2 miles, and our stampeded transport camels were recovered. He was well worthy of reward but has since been killed in action. I however bring forward his name for recognition.

Serjeant A. Gibb, armourer serjeant had charge of a Maxim. He at all times carried out his duties efficiently, and attracted my notice by his coolness in repairing a Maxim under hot fire. I hope he will be rewarded.

The following Officers did very good work:—British—Major T. N. S. M. Howard, 4th Bn. King's African Rifles; Captain H. B. Rowlands, 2nd Bn. King's African Rifles; Captain L. W. D. Everett, 2nd Bn. Welsh Regiment; Captain T. Johnston Steward, 2nd Bn. King's African Rifles, mentioned in despatches for Ashanti and South Africa; Captain F. H. Llewellyn, 2nd Bn. King's African Rifles.

NATIVE OFFICERS.

Resaldar Major Musa Farah has served the Administration for 15 years. His name was prominently brought forward in my despatches on the 1900-01 expedition. From the work he has since done I feel confident in repeating what was then said in his favour. With the assistance of 50 Somali levies, he collected 5,000 tribesmen, with transport and rations complete, and crossing the waterless Haud where it was over 100 miles broad, he made an attack on the western encampments of the Mullah's people, driving them in, and capturing a large quantity of livestock, thus enabling me to make good all losses in transport. He was hit by a spent bullet in the chest at Erego, but continued coolly fighting. I think that any reward which may be given to this native Officer will have been well earned. I therefore again bring his name forward for favourable consideration.

Jemadar Mahomed Yusuf, who has served the Administration for 10 years was chief native Officer in the expedition to the country beyond Hais, and was afterwards given charge of a force of tribesmen and levies which was sent to recover raided livestock from the Naleya Ahmad. He followed up and attacked the enemy, inflicting heavy losses, whilst on our side there were 14 casualties. A large number of camels and sheep were brought in and also a caravan of rifles and ammunition which was at the time on its way to the Mullah. I wish to bring forward this native Officer's name for reward.

The following did good work:—Yaos, 2nd Bn. King's African Rifles, Havildar Jwala Singh Colour Serjeant Badi, F Company, Corporal Bokola, F Company, Lance-Corporal Kakwaly, F Company, Private Kamwendo, A Company and Private Giwedi, D Company.

Somalis.—Jemadar Osman Abokr, Havildar Ahmed Shire, Interpreter Aden Mahomed, Sepoy Kahin Gaidi, Havildar Adin Ibrahim, Havildar Osman Roblay, Naik Hussen Osman, Interpreter Abdilla Mahomed, Interpreter Jama Samantur, Interpreter Ahmed Samantur, C Havildar Jama Hirsi and Havildar Deria Musa.

Captain H. E. S. Gordeaux, C. M. G. acted as Commissioner and Consul-General during my absence in the interior. His ready assistance was of special value, and I trust will receive recognition.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL MANNING'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Lieut.-Colonel J. C. Swann, Indian Army, Commanding the Berbera—Bohotle Lines of Communication. This Officer has given me great assistance from the time he entered the country in November, 1902. He has displayed marked ability in the organization of the lines of communication from Berbera to Bohotle, a distance of 210 miles, and thence to Damot, a further 45 miles, over very difficult country.

Major (local Lieut.-Colonel) W. H. Ryecroft, 11th Hussars.

Was Base Commandant and Officer Commanding Lines of Communication, Obbia Force. This Officer has exceptional organizing ability. I cannot speak too highly of the work done by him at the base at Obbia, and on the lines of communication before and after the advance of the expeditionary force. The watering, and all other arrangements at the posts on the lines of communication, was planned by him with much forethought. He is an indefatigable worker, and the assistance he has given me and to the force generally is worthy of high commendation.

Major (local Lieut.-Colonel) G.T. Forestier-Walker, R.A.

Was my Chief Staff Officer throughout the late operations; he is a hardworking and capable Officer, and thoroughly efficient in his duties. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which he has performed his duties, and of the loyal assistance he has at all times given me.

Major P. A. Kenna, V.C., D.S.O., 21st Lancers.

I selected Major Kenna to proceed in command of the advanced force to be landed in Obbia, which duty he performed in a thoroughly satisfactory manner in the face of great difficulties.

He was appointed Commandant of the Mounted Troops of the Somaliland Field Force, for which post his previous campaigning experiences admirably fitted him.

His constant care and supervision resulted in my being able to keep an efficient mounted force in the field in spite of great difficulty.

He is a very capable commander in the field, trustworthy, and full of common sense.

Major R. G. Brooke, D. S. O., 7th Hussars.

As Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Lines of Communication, Obbia Force, did very valuable service, and I desire to bring his name forward, especially for his daring reconnaissance work from the advanced post at Dibit to Galkayu, while endeavouring to discover a possible route through an absolutely unknown country. He has proved himself throughout a capital organiser and most resourceful.

Major C. L. Petrie, D. S. O., Manchester Regiment, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, late Headquarters Staff, Somaliland Field Force.

A very hardworking and capable Officer, who has given me every assistance, and has performed his duties with great zeal.

Captain (local Major) P. B. Osborn, D.S.O., Oxfordshire Light Infantry, 3rd Bn. The King's African Rifles.

This Officer has been employed in various capacities during the late operations, and in command, on more than one occasion, of small columns. He has given me great assistance. He has much experience of Somaliland and the ways of the Somalis, and is a very trustworthy and reliable Officer.

Brevet Major A. R. Hoskins, D. S. O., North Staffordshire Regiment.

This Officer, as Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General Lines of Communication, did excellent service on the Obbia lines of communication, and has been very favourably reported on by Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Ryecroft, Commanding the Base and Lines of Communication, Obbia Force. He showed great resource and common sense when Damot was threatened by the Dervishes in June of this year.

Captain J. H. W. Pollard, Royal Scots Fusiliers.

As Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Berbera—Bohotle Lines of Communication, this Officer has been brought to my notice by Lieutenant-Colonel Swann, Commanding Base and Lines of Communication, Berbera—Bohotle Force, for his good work.

Lieutenant W. B. Roberts, Indian Army, Base Staff Officer, Berbera.

Has been highly reported upon by Lieut.-Colonel J. C. Swann, Commanding Base and Lines of Communication, Berbera—Bohotle Force, with whose remarks I entirely concur.

Lieutenant H. W. Peebles, Reserve of Officers.

As Aide-de-Camp has given me great satisfaction; he is very hardworking, willing, and intelligent.

Major J. E. Gough, Rifle Brigade.

Who commanded the Flying Column of the Berbera—Bohotle Force.

I have already in my despatches brought this officer's name forward for his skilful handling of the troops at the action of Daratoleh, in April, 1903.

He is a very capable and resourceful Officer, and a reliable commander in the field.

Captain G. B. Roberts, Royal Engineers Telegraph Section.

This Officer is worthy of mention for the work done by him in the construction, maintenance, and organisation of the telegraph line from Berbera to Damot a distance of 255 miles.

Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Williamson, C. M. G., Royal Army Medical Corps.

As Principal Medical Officer has efficiently organized the medical arranements of the Somaliland Field Force, under conditions of peculiar difficulty.

Lieutenant H. H. Lenox-Conyngham, Army Veterinary Department.

Is deserving of special mention for his conscientious work and the indefatigable manner in which he performed his very onerous duties, caused by the large number of sick camels.

Lieut.-Colonel C. G. M. Fasken, 2nd Sikhs, Indian Army.

This Officer commanded his fine regiment throughout the late operations, and was also employed in command of several columns, which duties he carried out with success. He has helped me at all times by his loyal and hearty co-operation.

Captain (local Lieutenant-Colonel) A. S. Cobbe, V. C., D. S. O., Indian Army, Commanding 1st Bn. The King's African Rifles.

This Officer has commanded his battalion throughout the late operations, and has in addition carried out several important reconnaissances with great skill. He is a fine soldier, a very capable commander, and has done excellent service throughout the late operations. He has great experience of Somaliland, of Somalis, and his experience has been of great value to me.

Mr. W. G. Walker, Indian Army, Commanding Bikanir Camel Corps.

This Officer's name has already been brought forward by Major J. E. Gough, for an act of conspicuous gallantry at the action of Daratoleh, on 22nd April, 1903. He is deserving of great praise for the manner in which he has commanded the Bikanir Camel Corps, which has rendered very valuable service to the expedition.

Captain (local Major) A. G. Sharp, Leinster Regiment, Commanding 6th Bn. The King's African Rifles.

Is deserving of credit for having raised the Somali Mounted Infantry, which did excellent service throughout the late operations.

He also did good work while commanding a mounted column from Damot in March, 1903, which inflicted considerable loss on the enemy.

Captain W. B. Leslie, Royal Engineer acted as Commanding Royal Engineer to the force, and gave me great assistance. He is a hardworking and willing Officer.

Lieutenant W. H. Evans, Royal Engineers.

Conducted several able reconnaissances, and did good intelligence work during the advance to Galkayu.

Captain G. C. Shakerley, King's Royal Rifle Corps, British Mounted Infantary.

This Officer has been brought to my notice by Lieut-Colonel A. S. Cobbe for the skilful manner in which on several occasions he handled his men at the thick bush at Gumburu when attacked and out numbered by the Darvishes.

Lieutenant D. S. Miller, Gordon Highlanders.

This Officer commanded a section of the Somali Mounted Infantry and has on several occasions been brought to my notice for good service in the field.

Captain G. C. Shakerley King's Royal Rifle Corps British Mounted Infantary, has brought to my notice the gallant conduct of Rifleman No. 2536 Joseph Miller, King's Royal Rifle Corps, in the following terms:—

"On 16th April, 1903, I was in command of the mounted patrol sent out from the column. We came in contact with some mounted Dervishes, and were eventually surrounded by several hundreds.

"Rifleman J. Miller was standing close to me, and heard me say I was going to send a message to Officer Commanding Column: he immediately volunteered to carry the message. I gave him letter. He succeeded in galloping through the enemy's lines at great risk, and delivered the letter to Officer Commanding Column."

Rifleman Miller's horse was wounded while he was carrying this letter. I trust that this man's gallant conduct may meet with suitable recognition.

Lieut.-Colonel Cobbe has brought to my notice the gallant conduct of—No. A 759, Private Mandelumba, 2nd Bn. The King's African Rifles.

This man carried into the zareba, a distance of 6 miles, from the action of Gumburu on the 17th April 1903, No. 855, Private Gomani of the same battalion, who was wounded in the arm.

I trust that his gallant conduct may meet with suitable recognition.

Captain H. de B. Codrington Indian Army, Supply and Transport Corps.

This Officer, as Chief Supply and Transport Officer, Somaliland Field Force, has given me every satisfaction; he has carried out his duties well in spite of great difficulties.

Captain L. Deas, Indian Army, Supply and Transport Corps.

This Officer has done exceptionally good work on the Berbera—Bohotle lines of communication during the past 8 months. He displayed great organizing power in the way in which in spite of many obstacles, he succeeded in arranging the forwarding of supplies to the posts on the lines of communication during the unsettled state of affairs in the Protectorate in November, 1902. To his tact in dealing with Somalis I attribute the successful use of hired transport on the Berbera—Bohotle lines of communication.

Sub-Conductor A. Morton, Supply and Transport Corps.

I desire to bring this Conductor's name promenently forward for very good work throughout the late operations.

He ably performed his duties under circumstances of peculiar difficulty while in charge of the advance column supply, and in that capacity his good work has frequently come to my notice.

Sub-Conductor J. Skinner, Supply and Transport Corps.

This Conductor has rendered exceptionally good service and is highly spoken of by Captain Deas, Supply and Transport Corps.

Captain (local Major) M. L. Hornby, D.S.O., Indian Army. This Officer organized the Transport Department, both of the Berbera and the Obbia forces. The force landed in Obbia without camels and without attendants. Major Hornby out of very unpromising material, formed a very efficient Transport Department, which worked excellently throughout the operation. He is indefatigable and a very able organizer.

Captain J. Lloyd Indian Army. As Staff Officer to Major M. L. Hornby, Chief Transport Officer, did very useful work; he is a capital organizer. The following Officers have done good work in the Transport Department, and have been specially brought to my notice:—Brevet-Major C. R. Ballard Norfolk Regiment, Captain T. J. Bosanquet, Border Regiment, Captain D. J. Glasfurd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Captain E. B. Mcenaghten, Royal Field Artillery, Captain S. R. Davidson, Indian Army.

To Captain Hon. A. E. Bethell, Royal Navy and to those Officers of the Royal Navy whose names I have already brought to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Station, my thanks are due for the signal service rendered by them at the disembarkation at Obbia, in conditions which I have already described in my despatches, the difficulties of which it would not be easy to exaggerate.

Commander E. S. Carey, Royal Navy.

This Officer was lent by the Admiralty from H. M. ship "Naiad," and was employed as Provost-Marshal to the force. These duties he performed in a thoroughly efficient manner; he was in charge of all water issues in camp and on the march, entailing upon him very arduous duties and which he carried out in a very satisfactory manner.

(To be concluded.)

ADVICE TO MOTHERS?—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(The "Bombay Government Gazette," September 29.)

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Capt C F Harold and H Harrison Assit Polit Agents 2nd grade passed an examination in Gujarati according to the Lower Standard on the 17th Sept.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Under section 37 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 the Govr in Council is pleased to empower Mr Balak Ram J C S Asst Collr and Magte of the first class in the district of Broach to try in a summary way all the offences mentioned or referred to in section 260 of the same Code.

Lieut A M Forsyth 36th Jacob's Rifles held charge of the office of Cantt Magte Jacobabad in addition to his own duties from the 7th to the 17th July (oth days inclusive.

Mr J W S Draoup fourth Presidy Magte Bombay is granted privilege leave for one month from the 3rd October or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

The Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr C H Setalvad Bar-at-Law to act as fourth Presidy Magte Bombay during the absence of Mr Dracup or pending further orders.

The Govr in Council is pleased to confirm Mr R P Lambert as Dep Commr of Police Bombay vice Mr H G Gell with effect from 16th January.

Major D J O Taylor Asst Cantt Magte Poona and Kirkee in addition to his own duties from the 18th July up to the date of his relief by Major K St. A Wake.

Mr R Bidwell M A (Oxon) I C S on special duty is granted with effect from the 1st Oct or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it such privilege leave as may be due to him on that date in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to 6 months.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr A G Edie Deputy Conservator of Forests fourth grade and Divnal Forest Officer Nasik is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him on 28th Oct in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to one year.

R E Enthoven I C S is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him on the date he avails himself of it in combination with furlough for eighteen months.

Mr G F Millett Asst Conservator of Forests N C is granted privilege leave of absence for three months in combination with furlough for six months with effect from 15th Octr or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr J H E Tupper A A Genl C S to act as Inhukdari Settlement Officer in addition to his own duties as a temporary measure pending further orders.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to make the following appointments:—Mr J McA Aikman I C S to act as Commr Northern Divn vice Mr R M Kennedy I C S proceeding on leave pending further orders and Mr J A G Wales M A (Oxon) I C S to act as Collr of Broach and to be member and President of the Local Board established for the Broach Dist vice Mr J McA Aikman I C S pending further orders.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

In exercise of the power conferred by section 4 of the Bombay Boiler Inspn Act 1891 H E the Govr in Council is pleased (a) to appoint Mr I G A Harvey to be Inspr of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers for the purposes of the said Act with effect from the 3rd Sept vice Mr A C H Stevenson and (b) to fix Aden as the local extent of the duties of the said Inspector hereby appointed.

Lieut Col W H Quicke F R C S I M S is granted from the date of relief his privilege leave as may be due to him on that date in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to seven month's.

HIGH COURT.—SEPTEMBER 30.

Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice BATCHELOR.

For Judgment.

1345—Little and Co—Shaw Wallace and Co vs. Gordhundas Khalso and another—Taigle L and O.

Appeals for hearing and final disposal.

1338—Crawford B and Co—The Municipal Corporation of Bombay vs The Secretary of State for India in Council—J G G Brown—Part heard.

1354—Crawford B and Co—Tribhowandas Mungaldas vs Jugmohundas Mungaldas and others—Edgelow G W and Co—A H Coyajee and N.

1359—Jehangir Framjee Sir Jehangir Framjee and others vs Jamasjee Dadabhoy Pochkhanawalla—Beckwell M and B.

Reference from the Bombay Court of Small Causes.

11962-04-12358-01—Veerchand Nowla and others vs The B B and C I Ry Co.

Appeals.

1358—Bickaji M and R—Ganoji Narpat vs Haji Hafiid Haji Jaffer—Crawford B and Co.

Before The Hon'ble Mr Justice B. TYABJEE.

Summary Suit for hearing in Chambers.

674-04—Payne and Co—Nuzzerally Samsoodin vs Noor Mahomed Joosub.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Cause.

909-03—Tyabji D and Co—Mocsabhai Mahomed Sajun and another vs Yacoob Mahomed Sajun and others—Tyabji D and Co—Nanu H and Co—Part heard.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice RUSSELL.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

557-03—Captain and —Bhimji Cursondas vs Damoder Mathowji and others—Payne and Co

168-04—Tyabji D and Co—Bai Lilbai alias Nairbai widow vs Rajaram Chunoo—Nadirsha and F.

552-01—Captain and —Abdoolhadi Mahomed Mahomed Peaker vs Abdoola bin Ali Saheb Coorani and others—Captain and V. Payne and Co, D D Romer and B Raghavdya.

462-01—Jamsetji and R—Bhawaji Dhanaji and others vs Magaldas Bachchand and others—Wadia G and Co

985-03—H and M—Gopalrai Sitaram vs Bhaskar Lechminarayen and others—Inaishunker K and G

72-04—Crawford B and Co—The B B and C I Ry Co vs Bhanduram C Mutram and others—Matubhoy J and M

199-04—D D Romer—Gangaram Salloo and another vs Waman Withal and another—Ardeser H D and Co

234(8459-04—Abdulla Peer Mahomed and others vs Ahmed Oosman and others—Edgelow G and W

392-04—M B Ghosla—Revashanker Raghunath and others vs Megbraj Gangabux and another—Wadia G and Co.

123-4—Bhaishunker K and G—Chimanlal Nagindas vs Govindanas Tribhovandas Kisson and others—Ardeshir H E and Co and B G K and R G and W.

403-01—Unvala and I—Demetrius Michael Kartaki vs Sorabjee Eduljee Wardea and another—Ardeser H D and Co

408-04—Captain and V—Bai Matubai vs Soorjee Khetsey—Matubhoy J and M

411-04—Muha and M—Haji Noor Mahomed Cassum Mitha vs Ebrichar K Khotaviz and others—Edgelow G and W

Before the Hon Mr Justice CHANDAVARKAR.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

739-02—Balkrishna V N K—Bhooma Mana vs Mitha Cassum and another—Jinnetji and R—Part heard on 19-9-04.

338-03—In person—A pauper Jivraj Purbat vs Pamji Kutchra and another—In person

228-01—K D Ashroff—Dhanjibhoy Merwanji Shroff vs Nusserwanji Cursetji Sukhia—Craigie L and O

590-03—Wadia G and Co—Pandurang Sukhdoji Bole vs Balaram Sukhdoji Bole and others—Payne and Co—Jamsetji and R

245-04—Ardeser H D and Co—Salley Mahomed Allarakhia vs Abdullabhoy Khakhbhoy Readymoney—Little and Co

257-03—Ardeser H D and Co—Haji Abdul Rehman Shirazi vs Hajibhai widow and others—Captain and V

877-01—Edgelow G and W—Bibi Sakina widow vs Mirza Mahomed tin Haji Abaul Hoosein Shiraji and others—Craigie L and O

284-03—Captain and V—Fakirchand and others vs Dojibah Soxindjee and others—Madhowjee V

117-04—Bhaishunker K and G—The Advocate General of Bombay vs Bai Sudha Alias Meghebai—Manhowji and V

103-04—Bickwell M and M—Dinshaw M Punthookey and another vs Khatri Salemahomed Jaffer—Little and Co

4 61-02—Captain and V—Mowlvi Abdool Cader Jethayker vs Hajee Mahomed Ibrahim Jithayker and others—Edelow G and W and W C B and C B and Co and Muljee B and B

465-04—Payne and Co—Vulli Mahomed Hassum vs Vussonji Velji and Co—Madhowji and V

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Sirsa, 1674 tons, Captain R P Fyah, sailed yesterday, for Calcutta in ballast.

THE Wilson Line steamer Tokio, 2481 tons, Captain G H Jones, will sail to-day, for Hull via Karachi with a general cargo.

THE Hansa Line steamer Rhenfels, 2866 tons, Captain G Struffer, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Hamburg 28th August, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Ilinda, 3361 tons, Captain J Stone will sail to-day, for Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Landaura, 2136 tons, Captain J Farquharson, will sail to-day, for Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo, Mr Lane, Mr P Merwanjee and another and 32 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dumra, 762 tons, Captain M G Williams arrived in harbour yesterday, from Karachi via Cutch Mandvi, with a general cargo and the Hon'ble Mr White and 410 deck passengers.

THE Asiatic S N Co's steamer Nawab, 2041 tons, Captain J G Toms, arrived in harbour to-day, from Calcutta, 2nd September, via coast ports, with a general cargo, one cabin and 51 deck passengers

THE B I S N Co's steamer Africa, 1392 tons, Captain H Carey, arrived in harbour yesterday, from the Persian Gulf via Karachi with a general cargo, 55 horses and the following passengers—Lieut Delawarny, Miss Sinclair, Mr Pereira 22 Soldiers and 200 deck.

THE Arabian Line steamer Persia, 2331 tons Captain G Mitchell, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Glasgow and Liverpool, with a general cargo, 19 horses and the following passenger—Madame Beresford, Miss Florence Beresford, Mr and Mrs Jenkins and two children, Mr and Mrs Ashby, Mr and Mrs T Diacoff, Mr Diacoff (Jur), Miss Yoalding, Miss Alice Burgess, Miss Lenna Burgess, Mr Gormor, Mr W Goldsmith, Mr Haslam, Mr and Mrs Johnson, Mr B Larello, Mr Mokanie, Mr Holmes, Miss Jessi Crawford, Mr E Lake, Mr Bryden, and Mr Smith.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—SEPT. 29.

Vessel.	Ton. art.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
India	2261	Forbes		M M & Co
Hoscinee	3833	Lorne		B & P S N Co
Clan Alpine	2819	Monroe	Birkenhead	30-9	J M & Co
Barbela	1466	Donald	N F	M M & Co
Mindura	1273	Henderson	P Gulf	M M & Co
Scindia	2250	Keddie	M M & Co
Warora	2565	England	M M & Co
Vita	10.	Cuttush	M M & Co
Secundra	1675	Goode	M M & Co
Moolton	1911	Lindetanks	Durban	M M & Co
Kassra	505	Chappell	M M & Co
Sirsa	1475	Fyfe	M M & Co
Imaum	3703	Pemberthy	K Nixon & Co
Shirley	2188	Pitchell	Bo Co
Itola	3361	LeMarchant	M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCES DOCK.

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I SPOKE last week of Sir Francis Bertie, and of his connection as son-in-law with the veteran Ambassador to France, Lord Cowley, who died scarce a decade ago, writes "M. A. P." His wife, Lady Feodorowna, must look forward with particular interest to taking up her abode once again in the Faubourg St. Honore, where she spent nearly all her girlhood. Lady "Feodore" and her sister, Lady Sophia (afterwards Countess of Hardwicke), Lord Cowley's only daughters, were at once so charming and so shy and retiring (for they were never quite at home in the gay milieu of the Second Empire) that they received in the Parisian society of that day the pretty title of "Les Anges de Silence." By-the-way, I ought to have added to my mention of Lady Feodorowna Bertie last week that she was one of Queen Alexandra's bridesmaids.

By-the-way, England maintains but eight Embassies—at Paris, Vienna, Rome, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Constantinople, Madrid, and Washington. At the Court of the Mikado the English representative has only the rank of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary. Probably the Legation at Tokyo will be raised to the rank of an Embassy before long. The last two Legations thus promoted were Madrid and Washington. In the diplomatic hierarchy the importance of Paris is emphasised by the fact that only to there and Vienna are accredited Ministers Plenipotentiary as well as Ambassadors, and it alone has two secretaries of Embassy, one being Counsellor. At Washington, Ambassadors, Ministers Plenipotentiary, and Ministers Resident, England is represented at thirty-six different Courts—not reckoning Abyssinia, where the English Envoy is styled Agent and Consul-General.

At the same time it must be admitted that Lord Grey's official position was one of great difficulty, and one in which a much stronger man would have found himself uneasy. During the early weeks of the rebellion probably the most unpopular man in Rhodesia was the founder of the country. The colonists blamed Rhodes for—in some illogical way they also attributed the locust-pest and other disasters to him. Rhodes bore the disaffection of the overturned applecart, and within a few hours of his reaching Bulawayo the pendulum had swung round and he was once again the idol of the populace. Nominally Lord Grey, Sir Frederick Carrington, over-scrupulous, was ruler of Rhodesia. In reality Rhodes was, and the colonists resented Lord Grey's nominal control of their hero. Then there were two other men in Bulawayo who did not make for the Administrator's peace of mind—I mean Sir Frederick Carrington and Sir Richard Martin, the latter of whom had been sent up as Commandant-General and Deputy Commissioner to report generally upon the doings of the Chartered Company. The position then was this: Rhodes, in view of the frightful drain upon the Chartered Company's coffers, wanted peace made with the rebels almost at any price. Carrington, though friendly with Rhodes, as a soldier wanted the war prolonged until the rebels had been thoroughly thrashed. Sir Richard Martin disapproved of Rhodes's schemes and the Chartered Company in general, while Lord Grey leaned first to one side and then to another. In the end, as a matter of history, Rhodes had his way and peace was made—with what precise degree of honour it might not be advisable to say. However, whatever may have been the merits of Lord Grey's administration of Rhodesia, his straightness, sincerity, and good intentions were recognised by one and all. And in Canada he will probably find a country and a people after his own heart.

In England Lord Grey is best known by his Public House Trust and other philanthropic schemes. In appearance he is, or was when I knew him, tall, slight, dark, with a rather sad wistful expression; though that last may have been merely the temporary result of the stormy scenes in which he found himself involved in Rhodesia.

Lord Lonsdale is a man whose ways are as unconventional as his energy is boundless. He has been described as resembling "a jolly groom" certainly he always adheres to the whiskers which were fashionable in early Victorian days. During the German Emperor's first visit to Lowther, the shooting party was always attended to the Moors by an escort of mounted policemen. On one occasion Lord Lonsdale drove the Emperor himself, his famous horse Warpaint between the shafts and both seemed as jolly as the traditional sandboys. The Earl drove so fast that the luckless "bobbies" could not keep up with the [illegible] who keenly relished the [illegible] elementary joke, and their discomfiture.

Lord Lonsdale made a most energetic Colonel of the Cumberland and Westmorland Yeomanry, and during the first year of his command gave the soldiers a lively time. More than once he summoned them to the Penrith racecourse, where military manœuvres were generally executed in the middle of the night, ostensibly the prize not a cruiser to the man who was first there. He has as the Press, One poor local reporter still remembers the day when he ventured into a smoking concert given by Lord Lonsdale for the benefit of the soldiers. He was promptly discovered, and as promptly turned out—not without humiliation.

On one occasion Lord Lonsdale ignored through a small Westmorland village to the great alarm of the leisurely horse belonging to a middle aged lady who was taking her customary afternoon drive. With some difficulty the coachman got the shocked animal into a yard, and Lord Lonsdale dismounted from his motor and hastened to apologise. "I hope I didn't frighten you very much!" he asked. The old lady received his excuses very amicably, and after a few mutual civilities, said with a thorough appreciation of a title: "Have I the pleasure of speaking to the Earl of Lonsdale?" "Yes, I am he," replied the owner of the title. "May I ask how you left your friend, the German Emperor?" continued the dear old thing, with intense seriousness. "He was very well when last I heard from him," was Lord Lonsdale's equally grave reply!

It is very rare (writes a Colonial contributor) for two brothers to be Governors of separate portions of the Empire at one time, yet Frank Swettenham, however the Governors of the Straits Settlements, whom the "Times" ranks on the other day to be worthy of ranking with Sir Stamford Raffles, has a brother, Sir A. Swettenham, who is Governor of British Guiana. The latter owes his rise in no small degree to his knowledge of Dutch, which enabled him, when a Civil servant in Ceylon, to ransack the old Dutch archives in the Secretariat, where he discovered a copy of a Dutch treaty which was of the utmost importance to the British Government in the Venezuelan arbitration cases. Sir Frank knows the Malay more thoroughly than any other man living, and is the author of a fascinating volume on Malay folk.

Few people are aware that Admiral Sir John Fisher had in his own way an almost equally distinguished brother, Sir F. Fisher, who was, till his death two years ago, Government Agent of the north-western provinces in Ceylon, and without doubt one of the ablest administrators in the Empire. Although severe, he was adored by the natives for his majestic appearance, his firmness, his fearlessness, his alertness, and a certain kindliness of nature which, in very rare instances, showed itself. At the last Paris Exhibition his hunting trophies, by themselves, formed a complete record of Ceylon's wild beasts. The natives are fond of relating how on one occasion, when he was on one of his periodical inspections of his district, he came to a flooded river, over which was neither bridge nor ford. None of them dared even to [illegible] but a Moorman came forward and, lifting the huge hunter on his back, carried him safely and unwetted through the swollen stream to the other bank. Thereupon Fisher, like the kings of old, conferred upon him on the spot a vacant chieftainship, which the man still holds.

Sir Arthur Havelock, who has lately resigned the Governorship of Tasmania, is one of the very few officials who, on account of exceptional ability, have been transferred from the Colonial Office to India. He was Governor of Madras before he went to Tasmania, and Governor of Ceylon before he went to Madras. It was in Ceylon that his nephew, a promising young civil servant, died, and was buried. The Havelock wing of the Buddhist parish church, where he is buried, was built by Sir Arthur to his memory.

Sir J. West Ridgway, till lately Governor of Ceylon, and often mentioned as the probable successor of Lord Milner in Africa, is a tall, wiry, handsome man of about fifty-five, whose appearance strongly reminds his visitors of Major General Baden-Powell. He was formerly Governor of the Isle of Man, and it is generally admitted that, during his eight years' administration of Ceylon he has shown himself, perhaps, the ablest Governor that island ever had. The ancient tanks, some as large as inland seas, which have been breached and empty for centuries, have been restored, and soon the island will raise all its own rice, and perhaps cotton too. For the benefit of the ricegrowers and tea planters he has constructed three new lines of railway, aggregating 300 miles in length, and one of his last acts was to despatch his general manager, Mr Greene, to Madras to confer with the railway authorities there as to the feasibility of the immediate construction of a railway between Ceylon and India. He is a very interesting speaker, and was exceedingly popular with all classes of the population.

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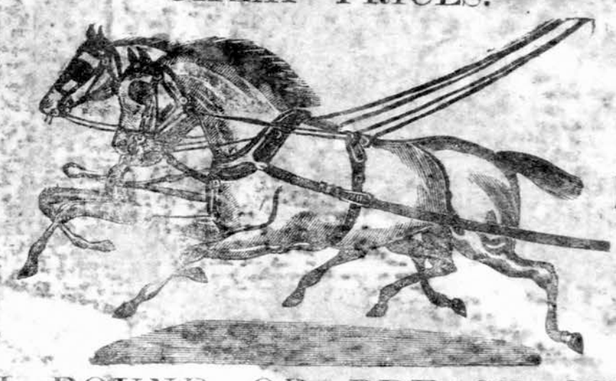

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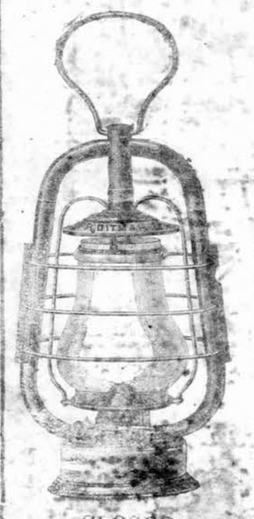

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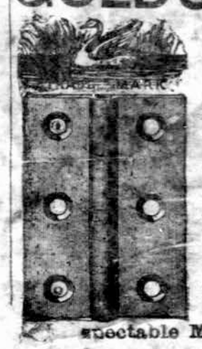

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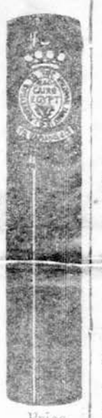

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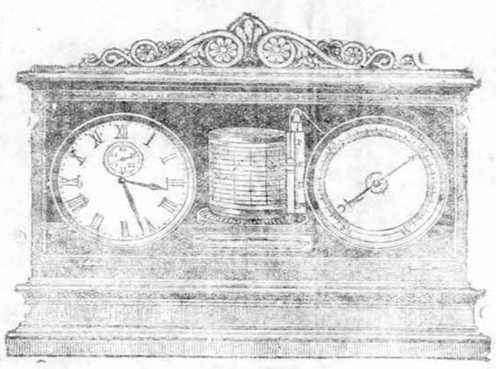

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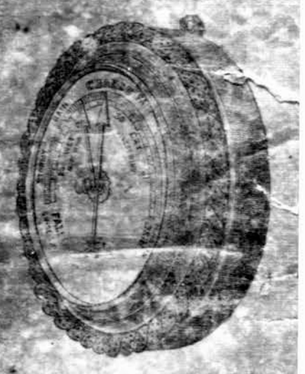

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